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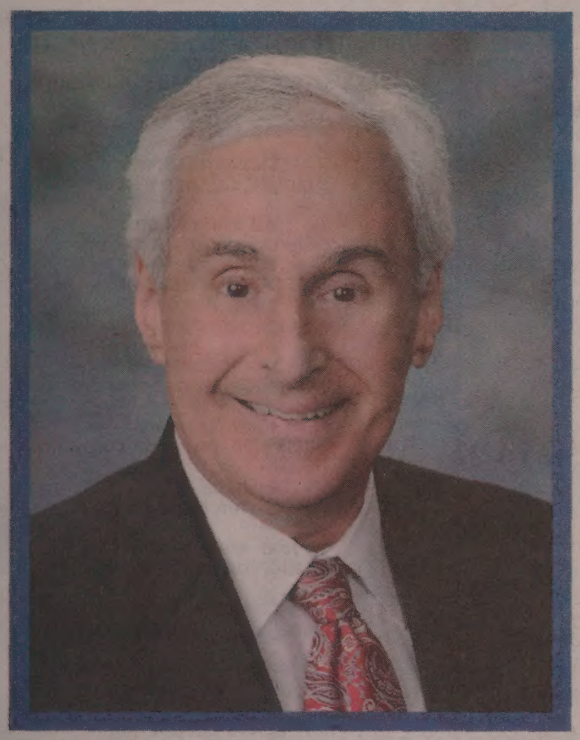

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Dan's Talks: Hosted by Dan Rattiner
Podcast Guest: Scott Howe

Episode 109: This week on the "Dan's Talks" podcast, Dan speaks with Scott Howe, the CEO and executive director of the Animal Rescue Fund (ARF) of the Hamptons. Before working with the Wainscott adoption center and animal welfare organization, Howe was the Deputy Director for Institutional Advancement and Administration at the Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill.

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Make the Holidays Mean a Little Bit More

Kids always dream of the perfect holiday morning - tiptoeing down the stairs to find a sea of presents - boxes matching every item they've asked for. And over in the corner is one oddball box – covered with holes (for air), and a bit bigger than the other gifts. Opening this box, your kids are greeted with an adorable floppy-eared puppy or maybe a doe-eyed kitten – whatever their heart's desire! A guarantee that life just got a whole lot cuter.

Maybe some of our readers had a childhood moment like this, or maybe they even gifted one to their own kids. And believe me, I know that in the moment, nothing seems to beat the joy of a brand-new holiday puppy or kitten!

But let's just take a step back for a moment to talk a little reality.

And yes, you can call me The Grinch – but I want to remind everyone that we absolutely cannot forget that there might be members of the family who have reservations about this "surprise" – you know - the one or ones who will be primarily responsible for caring for this little furry bundle of joy.

Now, my heart is not two sizes too small, and while I don't fully want to discourage puppies or kittens as holiday gifts – I do 110 % strongly, STRONGLY suggest having a conversation with all the "Whos" in your whole "Who" family before making this big decision.

Pets are a lot of work. It really doesn't matter how many passionate pleas and promises to feed the cat or walk the dog you may hear. If these cries are coming from children, we can pretty much promise you that over time, it will be mom and dad doing some, if not all of the daily duties. It's inevitable.

I firmly believe that a new pet can be a wonderful addition to your holiday – your heart may even grow three sizes that day. But, first, you really need to make sure that all of the people who will ultimately welcome this fur baby into your home are ready, willing, and able to provide all the time, care, and financial responsibilities that come with pet adoption.

We like to tell people to think of giving pets as holiday gifts like they would a marriage proposal – the timing and circumstances around the proposal can be a surprise, but the idea of spending your lives together shouldn't be.

So, if the conversations have been had, the logistics have been ironed out, and all the Whos down in Whoville know precisely what kind of pup or kitten they have their heart set on, I'm all for making the holidays a time they will never forget. And I'm always a big fan of surprising your loved one with a trip to the shelter so that they can pick out their new pet themselves! After all, there is no substitute for that first time you lock eyes with "the one."

See, I'm not a true Grinch after all. Because like the Grinch once realized, "Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas (or Chanukah or Kwanzaa, perhaps means a little bit more! Please visit www.bideawee.org. Happy holidays!

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Jennifer Lopez and **Ben Affleck** spent Thanksgiving with their family at the singer/actress's estate in Water Mill, according to the *Daily Mail*. The Afflecks were joined by JLo's sisters Leslie and Lynda and children for their first Thanksgiving as a married couple. Lopez's manager **Benny Medina** also shared the holiday with them.

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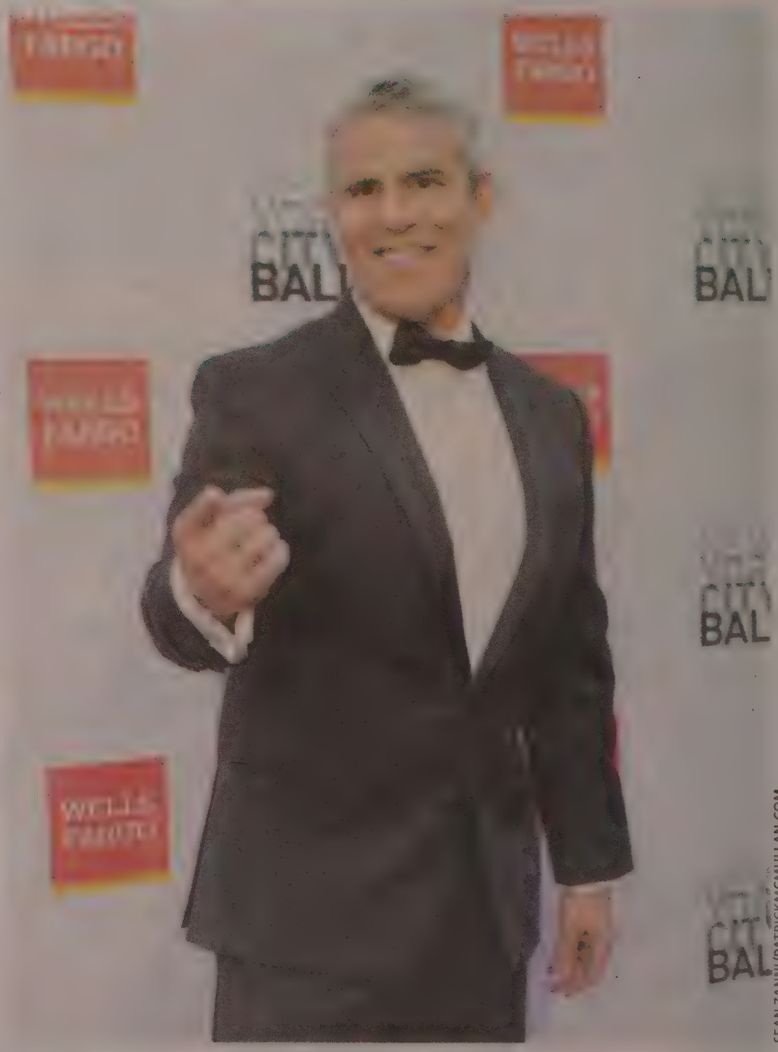
After Amagansett resident and former boss **Andy Cohen** criticized **Bethenny Frankel**'s new "ReWives" podcast, which centers on recapping *The Real Housewives of New York City*, Frankel, who owns a home in Bridgehampton, says "there's no conflict" between the two of them, reports *OK!* magazine.

On the Nov. 29 episode of *Today with Hoda & Jenna*, Frankel told co-hosts **Hoda Kotb** and **Jenna Bush Hager**, "We totally are pals and we take beach walks and most of what we talk about on those walks is the Housewives, of this city, that city, this person, that person." However, Frankel, who starred on RHONY from 2008-2019, says Cohen is "probably a little annoyed" with her right now, and admits there are complications in their relationship. Meanwhile, Frankel has a new gig on television. The Skinnygirl franchise creator recently joined Season 2 of CNBC's *Money Court* where she will judge cases on financial disputes with *Shark Tank* co-star **Kevin O'Leary**.



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ANDY COHEN AT NEW YORK CITY BALLET'S 2022 FALL FASHION GALA AT DAVID H. KOCH THEATER AT LINCOLN CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 IN NEW YORK CITY.

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SCARLETT JOHANSSON AT THE 2020 FILM INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS & ARRIVALS AT TENT ON FEBRUARY 8, 2020 IN SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA.

Montauk resident **Scarlett Johansson** will mark her first major television series acting role with *Just Cause*. The *Black Widow* star and wife of writer/comedian **Colin Jost** will play the lead role as well as executive produce the Prime Video adaptation of **John Katzenbach**'s novel, reports upi.com. Johansson will portray a Florida reporter who is contacted by a prisoner on death row who claims to be innocent. The limited series will be written and also executive produced by **Christy Hall**. A 1995 movie version of the book starred **Blair Underwood, Sean Connery, Ed Harris, Laurence Fishburne, Kate Capshaw** and Ruby Dee. Johansson had one of her early movie roles in the project at age 10, where she played the daughter of Connery's character.

Following her recent arrest in her Sag Harbor home and denial that she attacked a housekeeper, socialite/philanthropist **Libbie Mugrabi** was spotted at Art Basel on November 29 in Miami. Sources exclusively told "Page Six" that Mugrabi was seen perusing expensive artwork, "dressed in an orange jumpsuit with the words

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'Free Libbie' written on it." The source added that Mugrabi's entourage was all clad in Free Libbie T-shirts.

On the December 1 episode of her daytime talk show, **Drew Barrymore** revealed that she is back on the dating scene, six years after her divorce from **Will Kopelman**, the *Daily Mail* reports. The Sagaponack resident told guest **Whoopi Goldberg**, "The last time you were here, we both were single. Are you dating now?" Before Goldberg could answer the question, Barrymore enthusiastically revealed, "I am." The former child star then added, "Because it had been so many years, I started to get a little worried, like I'm too good at being alone." *The View* co-host/EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony) winner told Barrymore that at the moment, she wasn't interested in a serious relationship, then advised Barrymore to take her time jumping back into dating.

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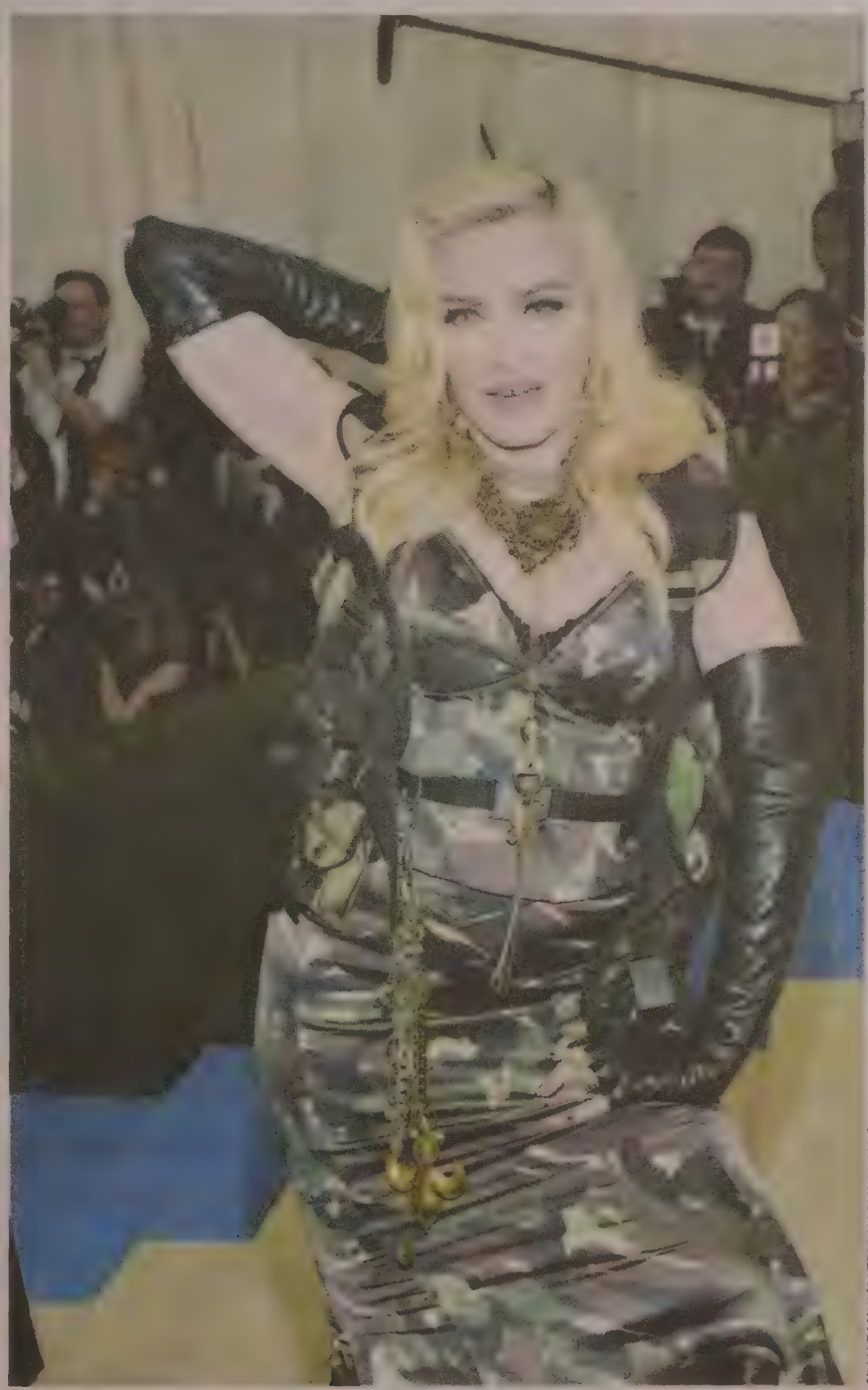
We Hear ...

Madonna wore a black lace bustier under a Saint Laurent blazer to a party the couture fashion house threw in honor of the Bridgehampton resident's *Sex by Madonna* exhibition on Dec. 1 at Art Basel in Miami, according to "Page Six." The display commemorates the release of a new edition of the Material Girl's 1992 coffee table book *Sex*.

After recently giving birth to their seventh child, Amagansett's **Hilaria Baldwin** showed off her post-baby body at the American Museum of Natural History 2022 Museum Gala, as posed on the red carpet with husband **Alec Baldwin**, according to the *Daily Mail*.

Sightings ...

Talk Show host **Tamron Hall** at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater 2022 Opening Night Gala at New York City Center on November 30. The Sag Harbor resident served as the event's honorary chair.



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Westhampton Beach Holiday Stroll for WHBPAC

The Village of Westhampton Beach held its second annual Holiday Stroll along Main Street on Friday, December 2. The village, partnering with its local businesses, created an unforgettable shop-til-you-drop extravaganza, with 10% of the proceeds going to the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center's Nancy and Frederick DeMatteis Arts Academy. With a punch card in hand, people spent a wonderful night out on the town collecting stamps from local store owners for a chance to win in a deluxe holiday raffle at the WHBPAC, all while enjoying delicious bites offered by local restaurants.

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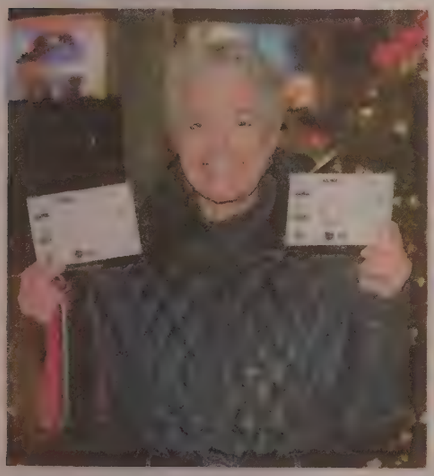
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Ben Vengroff (Red Jacket Books)

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Toni Campo and Jeremy Johnson (Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty)

Jillian Burne (Good Westhampton)

Jessie Burns, Kait Dwyer, Heidi Magner, Kaitlin Arraste

The Annual Lighting of The Big Duck in Flanders

The 34th annual Lighting of The Big Duck was held on Thursday, December 1, a day later than originally anticipated due to inclement weather postponing the event. The holiday tradition featured speakers from the Suffolk County Parks Department and performances by members of the Vernon Academy of Irish Dance in Mattituck and the Riverhead Middle School Show Choir. Special guests present included the Long Island Ducks' Quacker Jack mascot and Santa Claus, who arrived with the Flanders Fire Department to light The Big Duck's wreath.

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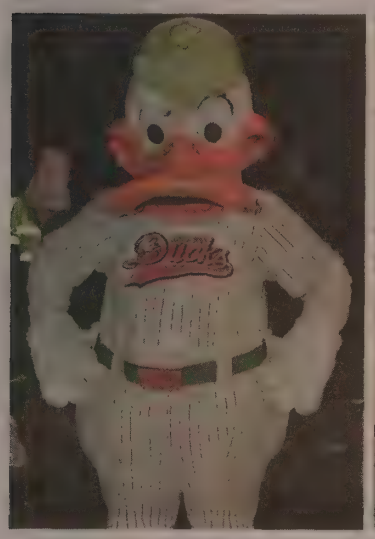
The Big Duck with its holiday wreath

Santa Claus heading to the stage with members of the Flanders Fire Dept.

Kids celebrating helping Santa flip the switch for The Big Duck's lights



Quacker Jack

The Riverhead Middle School Show Choir singing Christmas carols

Suffolk County Parks Commissioner Jason Smagin

Suffolk County Parks Director of Historic Services Richard Martin

Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman

Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK

Judy Blumen
Seen at: Code Blue in Westhampton Beach
What we love: The coat, belt, hat, earrings and bag come together in a stunning winter ensemble.
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Vernon Academy of Irish Dance performer Lila Dailey

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First-Ever Riverhead Community Tree Lighting

The Riverhead Chamber of Commerce held its first-ever Riverhead Community Tree Lighting in the new Town Square on Sunday, December 4. The chamber partnered with the Town of Riverhead and Riverhead Townscape to host the event in collaboration with Community Partners Neal Coleman Electric, Riverhead Ciderhouse, Hotel Indigo, LIRR Museum, Robert James Salon, Dress for Success Brookhaven, PSEG National Grid and the Riverhead Fire Department. The tree, an 18-foot tall Colorado blue spruce donated by Jim Warner of Warner Nursery, attracted members who enjoyed cookies, hot cider and caroling provided by local vendors for free.

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Stacy Higgins, John Lamendola, Riverhead Town Supervisor Yvette Aguiar, Devon Higgins, Olivia Bulloss

The 18-foot Colorado blue spruce donated by Warner Nursery

Zack McNeil, Wyatt, Cassidy, Kirsen McNeil with Riverhead COC member Mike Schmitt as Santa

Riverhead Townscape: Donna Young, Bruce Young, Susan Young, Shelia Tradeski

East End Disability Associates

Dan Young

Dianne Williamson

Riverhead COC President Connie Lassandro, Jim Warner

Kylee Jehle, MC Mark MK, Jocelyn Manjinelli (Calliope) singing

Bridge Lane Holiday Vine Lighting Celebration in Mattituck

Bridge Lane Wine hosted their inaugural Holiday Vine Lighting celebration on Sunday, December 4. The sold-out event at the Bridge Lane Tasting Room in Mattituck saw participants in good spirits by the fire. Ticket entry included a glass of wine of the guest's choosing, hot chocolate and s'mores in addition to a colorful surprise: brightly-lit Christmas light necklaces.

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Bridge Lane Tasting Room Director Alicia Valle

Bridge Lane Wine server Julianne Fedele

Bridge Lane Wine Bartender Kate Walter and Bridge Lane Wine Manager Delia Sarich

Donald Thompson

Steve Poplawski, Christine Poplawski, Vanessa Cognard, George Cognard, Nancy McDonald

Steve and Diane Bragoli

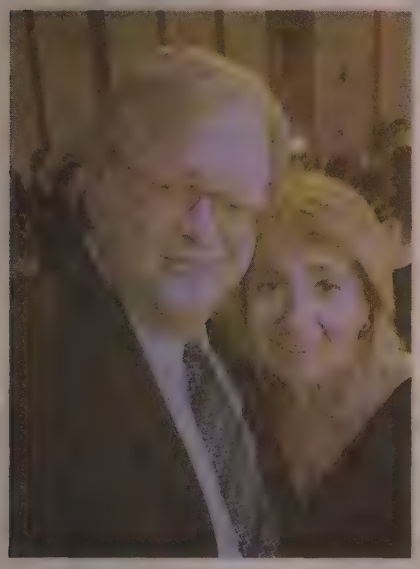
Westhampton Beach Philanthropists Supports Injured Israeli Soldiers

Michelle and Steve Barnet of Westhampton Beach hosted guests at the Belev Echad annual gala dinner Our Soldiers, Our Heroes: An Evening of Unity at Pier Sixty, located at New York City's iconic Chelsea Piers. The event was attended by nearly 1,000 people supporting the organization that provides rehibilatiaion to injured soldiers in the Israeli army.

Philanthropists Michelle and Steve Barnet

Bruce and Bonnie Katz

Carol and Jerry Levin



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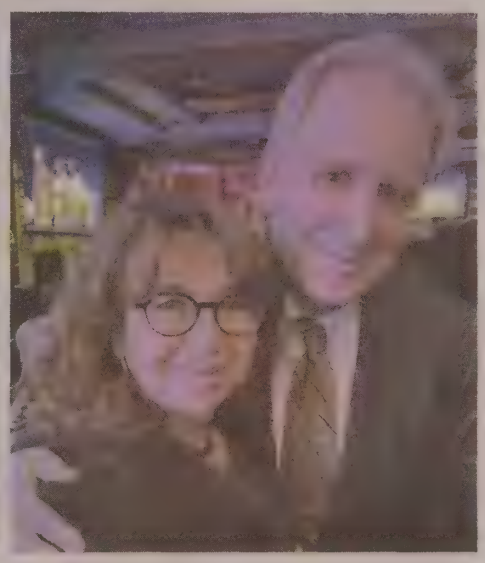
Joe Sprung and Michele Mirman

Esti and Barry Brahver



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NEWS & VIEWS

Dead Whale Washes Up in Hamptons

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A dead humpback whale that washed up off the Village of Southampton on December 2 floated east and got stuck on a sandbar in the ocean off Napeague near Montauk a day later, officials said.

The Atlantic Marine Conservation Society responded to the scene. Officials said the 31-foot whale could not be reached because it was still in the water.

"While we know that humpback whales are seasonal migrators that travel south to warmer climates during the winter months, we are still receiving several reports of humpback whales in our waters," the nonprofit stated.

The group is working with New York State Parks Police, state parks department, NOAA Fisheries New England/Mid-Atlantic and the state Department of Environmental Conservation to determine a plan to conduct a necropsy examination and coordinate logistics for disposal of the whale.

The public is urged to report sightings of sick, injured, entangled, or deceased marine mammals and sea turtles to the NYS Stranding Hotline at 631-369-9829.

COREY SWEEZEY/SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

THE WHALE WAS FIRST SPOTTED OFF MEADOW LANE IN SOUTHAMPTON

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 65 AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENTALS, 37 OF WHICH WILL BE LOCATED AT SPEONK COMMONS IN SPEONK AND 28 AT SANDY HOLLOW COVE IN SOUTHAMPTON.

Shelter Island OKs Housing Referendum

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

In a dramatic come-from-behind victory, Shelter Island voters approved a referendum that creates a tax to help fund new affordable housing projects, reversing a lead that opponents held in early election returns.

Suffolk County ballot proposition No. 3, as the Peconic Bay Region Community Housing Fund (CHF) question before voters on Election Day was known, passed by a 15-vote margin with 934 in favor and 919 opposed, county board of elections officials told Dan's Papers. Opponents led by eight votes on election night. The results were certified on December 2 after the agency completed counting all the paper ballots in the election.

"Obviously, the town board is happy that the process was followed through and the result is what we were hoping for," Shelter Island Town Supervisor Gerard F. Siller said. "Shelter Island was the only East End Town with an active group opposed to the fund. This group was well funded and held an ad campaign that was based on falsehoods. Thankfully, the majority saw through this campaign and supported the proposition."

The proposition also passed in the towns of East Hampton, Southampton and Southold, but Riverhead declined to put it up for a vote. It was one of three propositions on ballots. The other two — one authorizing New York State to borrow $4.2 billion to replenish its environmental fund and the other limiting the county executive and county legislators to 12 years in office — also passed.

The CHF enacts a 0.5% real estate transfer tax on property sales. The idea is modeled after the Community Preservation Fund, which created a 2% real estate tax 20 years ago that enables local governments to preserve open space.

"I am heartened that in all four towns which sought to create Community Housing Funds, the voters gave approval," said Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. (D-Sag Harbor). "Thoughtful implementation is imperative if the CHF is to enjoy the same success as the CPF."

NEWS & VIEWS

Epstein Executor With Hamptons Home Settles Suit

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

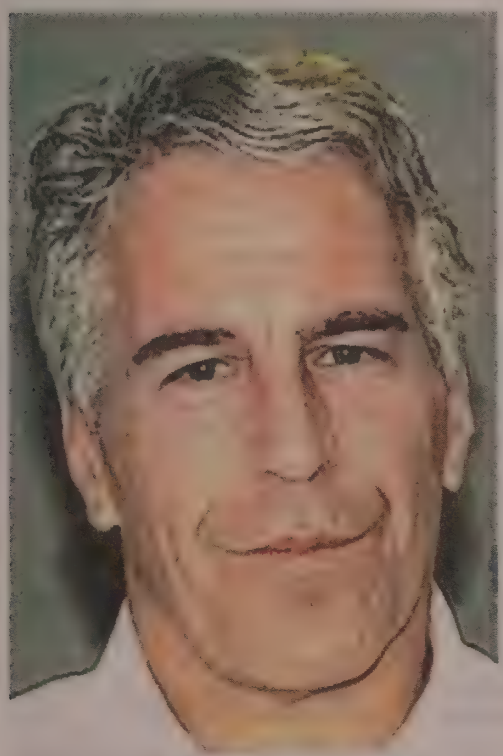
The Water Mill home-owning accountant and co-executor of the estate for late convicted pedophile and accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein has settled a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Attorneys for Richard Khan, who has served as co-executor along with Epstein's longtime Glen Cove native attorney Darren Indyke, reached an agreement to settle the case for $105 million. The duo, who authorities in the U.S. Virgin Islands accused of being Epstein's co-captains, will not have to admit wrongdoing as a part of the settlement.

"We are sending a clear message that the Virgin Islands will not serve as a haven for human trafficking," Attorney General for the U.S. Virgin Islands Denise N. George said December 1.

The settlement also includes half of the proceeds from the sale of Little St. James, aka Pedophile Island, the private island on which Epstein resided and where many of his crimes occurred. The total cash value of the settlement will increase once the island is sold.

The settlement also will return to the Virgin Islands more than $80 million in economic development tax benefits that Epstein and his co-defendants fraudulently obtained to fuel his criminal enterprise.



JEFFREY EPSTEIN IN HIS 2006 PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MUG SHOT

SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE PHOTO

RAYMOND BOUDERAU, JACQUELINE JEWETT ALLEGEDLY STOLE MORE THAN $1 MILLION IN CASH AND VALUABLES FROM THEIR VICTIM'S SAG HARBOR AND NYC HOMES.

Filmmaker and His Ex Busted for $1M Sag Harbor Burglary

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Manhattan filmmaker and his ex-girlfriend were arrested for allegedly stealing more than $1 million worth of cash, jewelry, wine, firearms, and other valuables from the Sag Harbor and Manhattan homes of the woman's other ex-boyfriend's wealthy new lover, Suffolk County authorities said.

A grand jury indicted on December 2 Raymond Bouderau, 49, of Manhattan, and his 57-year-old accomplice Jacqueline Jewett of Connecticut on charges of burglary and grand larceny. Bouderau was also charged with conspiracy after investigators said he helped orchestrate a scheme to commit the burglary while the victim was on vacation.

"Thanks to the coordination between our partners in the New York State Police and the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, we were able to quickly solve this case," said Sag Harbor Police Chief Austin J. McGuire.

Police responded to a report of a burglary at the victim's Sag Harbor home on September 27, two days after authorities said the suspects broke in through a basement window, cut electricity to part of the home, turned off the circuit breakers and ransacked the residence, compromising several safes inside, police said.

Authorities later determined that the victim's Manhattan home was also burglarized on the same day.

Text messages between the suspects detailed their plan, authorities said.

Investigators found the victim's stolen property when they executed a search warrant at Bouderau's home, where 750 grams of a ketamine was also found, prosecutors said.

East Hampton Town Justice Court Judge Steven Tekulsky ordered Bouderau held without bail and set bail for Jewett at $200,000 cash, $400,00 bond or $650,000 partially secured bond.

Attorneys for the pair were not immediately available for comment.

Southampton Billionare Accused of Rape

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A woman has filed a lawsuit under a new law alleging she was raped in 2002 by investor Leon Black, who owns a home on Meadow Lane, aka Billionaire Row, in Southampton.

Cheri Pierson filed the lawsuit under the New York State Adult Survivor's Act, which opened a window for plaintiffs to file claims on cases in which the statute of limitations had expired, similar to the Child Victims Act. She named as a codefendant the person who introduced them: Jeffrey Epstein, the late convicted pedophile and accused sex trafficker.

"Thanks to the passage of the Adult Survivor's Act, survivors of sexual violence like our client Ms. Pierson can seek the justice they deserve no matter how many years ago their trauma was suffered," said Jeanne Christensen, of the law firm Wigdor LLC.

Pierson alleged that Epstein introduced her to Black, who raped her in Epstein's Manhattan home.

Black, the former-CEO of the private equity firm Apollo Global Management who is reportedly worth $9 billion, issued a statement through his attorney calling the allegations "categorically false and part of a scheme to extort money from Mr. Black by threatening to destroy his reputation."

DAN'S COLUMN

Reenactments and Gun Laws

BY DAN RATTINER

Many of the villages out here on the East End date their founding back to the 1600s. Their first settlers gave their allegiance to the king of England, did their transactions in pence and shillings and were happy that, since they were so few, they were backed up by a thriving European empire.

As we all know, it didn't last. And beginning in 1776, the settlers here joined with others and eventually prevailed to found the United States of America.

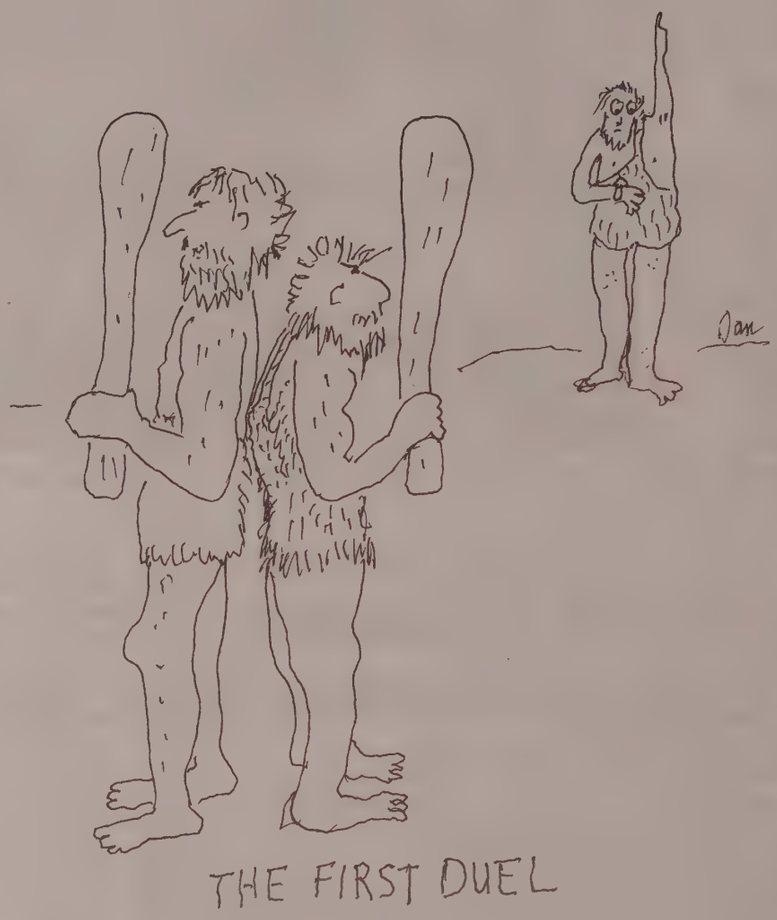
Yes, there were several battles out here during that war. And on occasion, reenactments of them have taken place where some local residents dress up as Redcoats and others dress up as militiamen, and usually on the anniversary of when these battles have taken place, have it out with muskets shooting, cannons thundering and swords clashing. All in fun, of course. Nobody gets injured or anything. But the public, sometimes heeding to a warning, stays off the streets for a few hours while these folks have it out.

The last time a reenactment took place that I can recall was in 2008. I remember one night visiting a weekend encampment of the Bridgehampton Militia, played by members of the Huntington Militia, (yes, there is today such an organization) which set up camp at Mulford Farm in East Hampton. They were preparing for the battle, which originally took place in downtown Sag Harbor in 1813, but would now be reenacted on the upcoming Saturday night and Sunday morning.

This past June, however, and then again in September, gun laws in the state of New York were modified, getting struck down by the Supreme Court in that earlier month, and then voted back in with some changes in September by Albany to give the courts another group of powerful state laws to chew on. And this has resulted in the cancellations of some scheduled battle reenactments around the state. It's the strangest thing.

The law struck down by the Supreme Court in June required that people in New York State who wish to carry a concealed gun outside of their home must prove proper cause. If you did not have a reason, you could not conceal carry.

The problem with the reenactments came about when, in September, lawmakers in Albany passed a replacement law that took another approach. Yes, a person could have a concealed carry. But they were not to be permitted in parks, government buildings, libraries, museums and a whole list of other places.



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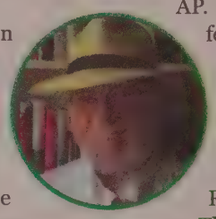
As a result of this, several scheduled reenactments, nearly all scheduled to take place in upstate New York, were canceled.

One was to take place on Rogers Island in Saratoga Springs.



"We've been getting reports from units that were supposed to attend that they don't feel comfortable transporting or bringing muskets to the site," re-enactor Harold Nicholson said, according to the Associated Press. "And so at that point, we decided that it was probably best not to go ahead."

Another battle canceled over the last several months was the scheduled reenactment of a 1777 revolutionary war raid at the Fort Klock historic site in the Mohawk Valley.

"The reason why we canceled it was for fear of exposing the people we invited to the event to prosecution for committing a felony," Robert Metzger, the chairman of the board of Fort Klock Historic Restoration told the AP. He also said they canceled for fear of losing their state charter. Also, he said, some Canadian reenactors called to say they would not be coming down for the event. (They would have been Redcoats.)

There are really only two revolutionary events that can be reenacted on the East End. One of them took place in December 1777 involving Southold and Sag Harbor. The other occurred in 1813, not in the Revolutionary War but during the War of 1812. Both were battles with British Redcoats. The 1813 battle took place in much of downtown Sag Harbor.

In 1777, after the British defeated the Americans in the Battle of Long Island at Brooklyn in 1776, sending our army off to a winter encampment at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, all of Long Island came under British occupation. Most residents of Long Island had to sign pledges of loyalty to the king. And those who would not do so, to avoid imprisonment, fled by boat across Long Island Sound to Connecticut, where the rebels still held control.

In Connecticut, a group of about 240 rebels, mostly displaced Long Islanders, put together a scheme to raid a British encampment on Long Wharf in Sag Harbor. On the night of May 27, 1777, this group, headed up by Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs Sr., rowed whaleboats across Long Island Sound carried their boats across the strip of land at Southold separating the Sound from Peconic Bay, re-launched their boats and rowed further south to come ashore at 2 a.m. at Noyac, four miles west of town. Armed with muskets, they walked the four miles to Long Wharf, fired shots at the Redcoats' encampment, demanded their surrender, and so took 90 of them back as prisoners to Connecticut the way they came. Before leaving, they burned all the supplies the British had stored at Long Wharf. There were no American casualties; six British soldiers were killed and 12 small boats sunk.

In the War of 1812, the British were stopping American ships at sea and impressing — kidnapping might be a better term — their American crews into the British Navy, saying these people were English. The Americans declared war. And in response, the British sent Men O' War to bombard, then land and set fire to port towns up and down the east coasts of America. In the summer of 1813, 100 Redcoats landed at Long Wharf, Sag Harbor, and proceeded to burn down the town, but then found themselves under rebel fire from a cannons set up atop nearby Turkey Hill. This fire, together with attacks by other militiamen stationed on the beaches nearby, drove the British off. And Sag Harbor survived. And thrived.

Albany says they intend to revise the new law against guns in parks. Presumably it will specifically list Revolutionary War muskets and cannons as exempt.

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End Fines: Montauk Businesses at Odds With East Hampton Town

BY ARLENE GROSS

Though it's been a Montauk institution since 1920 and has operated as a nightclub since at least the 1960s, Shagwong Tavern has racked up a bunch of tickets over the summer because they allowed dancing on the premises.

"We don't understand why the town is fighting us to change our use, which has always been how Shagwong Tavern has operated," says Jon Krasner, who's owned the establishment for the past seven years.

Krasner hired an attorney to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals to prove that Shagwong has operated this way for many years without interference. A big brouhaha is being made over dancing on Saturdays in summer — a total of 12 days in the entire year, Krasner asserts.

"The pendulum shouldn't swing so far to one side for 12 nights out of 365 nights," he says.

Krasner's problems appear to be part of a pattern multiple businesses say they have encountered soon after the Town of East Hampton lifted its COVID-19 emergency declaration in April 2022.

COMPLAINTS FROM THE CHAMBER

Since April, several Montauk businesses have had issues with the town and its enforcement, notes Paul Monte, president of the Montauk Chamber of Commerce.

"There have been issues with respect to outdoor dining," says Monte, who also chairs the town's business committee. "There have been issues with respect to occupancies. There have been issues with respect to notice of violations."

Many chamber members feel there was no real transition period after the lifting of the emergency declaration, even though there were still many impediments to going back to doing business as usual, such as people not being comfortable with dining indoors.

DAVID TAYLOR

SHAGWONG TAVERN IN MONTAUK

During the two-year emergency period, restaurateurs were permitted to move up to 100% of their indoor seating outdoors, as long as they filed plans with the fire marshal, placed tables in a safe manner and didn't impede pedestrian traffic.

After April, the town abruptly changed their enforcement methodology.

"Notices would come in the mail weeks, sometimes a month later, because of the way they were filing the notices of violation," Monte says. "And people were being hauled into the State Liquor Authority for violations that they never even knew they had."

In the past, violations were noticed to the on-duty manager, who'd be given an opportunity to rectify the problem right away, by asking people to leave and being more vigilant in the future.

"There was no advance notice that the enforcement agencies were going to come down so hard and so differently on all of that before they did," Monte says.

Many of the impacted chamber members have been in business for years in Montauk and were very upset by this new, super-charged enforcement.

During the peak of COVID, businesses demonstrated that outdoor doing can be done safely and efficiently, yet as soon as they could do so, town officials reverted back to the stringent policy without giving anyone the opportunity to adjust, adds Monte.

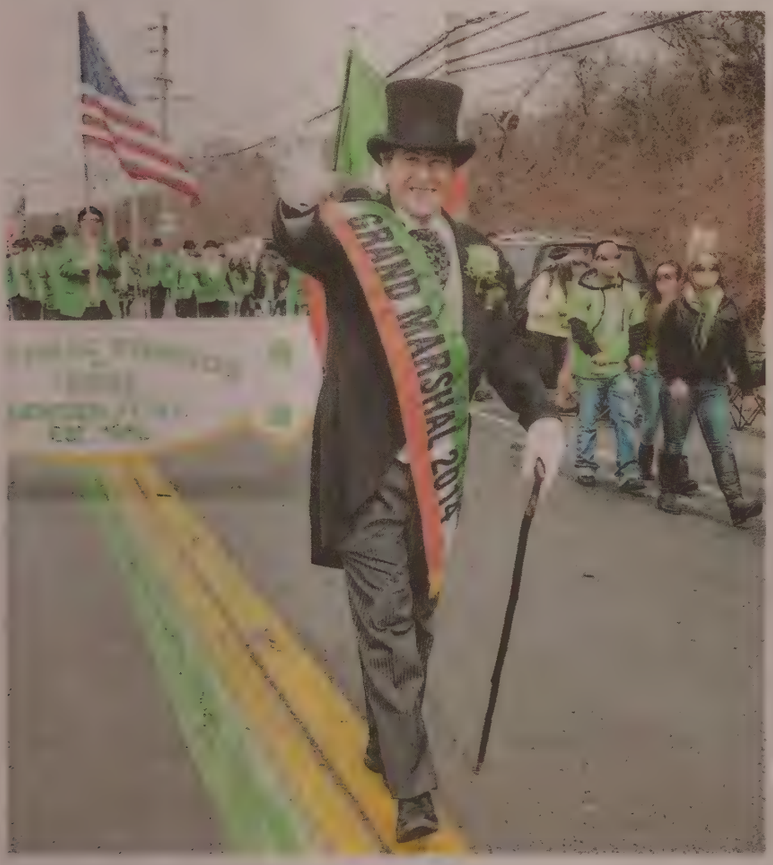
COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Members of the chamber have been in touch with the town to address their concerns and will continue to advocate to the town board to "find a healthy middle ground that allows businesses to operate, the public to be safe, and the town and its residents to feel that everything is being done reasonably," Monte says.

A member of the Montauk Chamber of Commerce, Lewis Gross says many Montauk restaurants and hotel business owners feel like they've been vilified by the town which doesn't communicate with them, despite their being the major employers of the hamlet.

"What we would like to see is better communication," Gross says. "If there's something a restaurant does they don't like, they should let the restaurant know rather than immediately file a complaint with the liquor authority or put people's livelihoods at risk without any notice."

Krasner concurs that sending noti-



MONTAUK PARADE GRAND MARSHAL PAUL MONTE, HEAD OF THE MONTAUK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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T.F. MCMORROW

OUTDOOR DINING NEAR JOHN'S PANCAKE HOUSE.

fications of restaurant infractions to the State Liquor Authority is a serious matter.

"That goes on our record forever, whether we're guilty or not guilty," Krasner says. "If this is public safety and we want to all work together, please keep it in-house."

Though he believes government and businesses are trying to do the right thing, Krasner says things have become misguided on both sides and communication needs to improve.

"Businesses are the lifeline of the town; the government is supposed to run the town," Krasner says. "We have to work together."

Through the years, the Town of East Hampton has monitored outdoor dining and with COVID, the state allowed for businesses to be creative, using right of ways and other adjoining properties for outdoor dining, notes East Hampton Councilman David Lys.

Recognizing the benefits of extending dining outdoors during the pandemic, the town board passed legislation allowing businesses, if they met criteria, to offer it.

"We don't understand why the town is fighting us," said Jon Krasner, owner of Shagwong Tavern.

"The town board was allowed to do that on properties that the town controlled, not on properties which other municipalities controlled, such as the county or the state," Lys says, adding that the town recently worked out an agreement wih the state to utilize Route 27, a state roadway.

After the executive orders were terminated on both state and town levels, town officials had to revert back to the town code and met with Montauk chamber members early in the summer, months later than they typically meet, Lys says.

In the future, these town/chamber meetings should happen in mid-March, advises Lys.

"I always say, 'If you're not busy by St. Paddy's Day, you're already behind for the summer season," Lys says, adding that they should review new legislation as well as older regulations when they meet.

The goal, Lys says, is to ensure tourists can enjoy the area, safely, effectively, and within the character of the community.

"Unfortunately, it was maybe a little too late last season, but we got to it and we look forward to working outreach with the business community earlier this [coming] year," Lys says.

Fresh off his success in developing Miami Beach, Carl Fisher turned Montauk into a resort town nearly one century ago. Ever since, people have flocked to "The End" for summertime recreation.

"Why don't we make it safer to have fun instead of trying to shut the fun down?" Krasner asks. "People want to dance. Can you imagine me getting a ticket for moving a table for dancing?

REAL ESTATE

Hampton Bays Affordable Housing Complex Sold

COURTESY COMPASS COMMERCIAL

FAIRFIELD PROPERTIES PURCHASED AN APARTMENT COMPLEX AT 164 W. MONTAUK HIGHWAY IN HAMPTON BAYS.

COURTESY COMPASS COMMERCIAL

THE NEWLY RENOVATED MAIN HOUSE AT 58 HOWARD STREET IN SAG HARBOR VILLAGE, WHERE THERE IS ALSO A SEPARATE HOUSE WITH FIVE APARTMENTS.

COURTESY COMPASS COMMERCIAL

AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE PROPERTY AT 164 W. MONTAUK HIGHWAY.

COURTESY COMPASS COMMERCIAL

THE PROPERTY IS NOW CALLED FAIRFIELD PROPERTIES AT HAMPTON BAYS.

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

An apartment complex that offers much-sought affordable housing in Hampton Bays sold recently and while oftentimes a trade signals the end of affordable housing, the buyers will continue to rent the apartments out for affordable housing purposes.

"Obviously affordable housing is very tricky out here which is why this was in very high demand," says Jeffrey Sztorc, a commercial and investment property specialist of Compass, who sold the property with his partner, Hal Zwick.

The rare multi-family complex at 164 West Montauk Highway sold for $4.275 million about a month ago — the same property was recorded in the deeds as selling for $1.9 million in January of 2022.

Fairfield Properties, a Melville-based owner and developer of commercial real estate that manages many complexes throughout Long Island, is the most recent buyer. While the firm owns apartment complexes from Queens to Suffolk County, this is now the complex furthest to the east. Fairfield owns three complexes in Riverhead and two in Westhampton.

This complex is now called Fairfield Estates at Hampton Bays.

HAMPTON BAYS AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEAR DOWNTOWN

Though considered affordable housing units, they are not overseen by the Town of Southampton but are privately owned. The buyers, while not named publicly yet, own a lot of affordable housing on Long Island, we're told.

The 8,800-square-foot building is in great shape, Sztorc says. There are six one-bedroom units, a pair of two-bedroom units and one three-bedroom unit. There were originally 10 apartments and two were combined, but they could easily be converted back.

The complex, which sits on a 0.9-acre parcel, is a prime location for an apartment building being only a quarter-mile to the center of downtown Hampton Bays.

"There is strong demand for staff housing with larger corporations or year-round/ affordable housing for local families. A truly great investment property with a proven track record of impressive income."

The team is working on some similar apartment complexes throughout the East End.

However rare these offerings are Sztorc and Zwick are also working on similar apartment complexes elsewhere on the East End. One example is at 58 Howard Street in Sag Harbor Village, a multi-structure, multi-family offering listed at nearly $6.5 million.

There is a traditional main house that has three bedrooms and four bathrooms, all recently renovated this year after selling in 2021 for $4.2 million, as well as an apartment building behind it with five apartments. There are four two-bedroom units and a single one-bedroom unit, that boasts a separate shared space from the main house, as well as a large parking lot (a real bonus in busy Sag Harbor Village).

Since housing is always at a premium in the Hamptons, especially in the sought-after village, there is always a high demand. Currently, there is a waiting list for any of the apartments. "This is further supplemented by high-level income from the main house," the listing description says.

There are also storage pods and a detached garage, once used as an artist's studio.

"A unique investment that can work as an income property or an ideal building lot for an estate only a stone's throw to Sag Harbor Village Main Street and harbor.

"We do have some other confidential multi-family options as well on the sale side," Sztorc adds.

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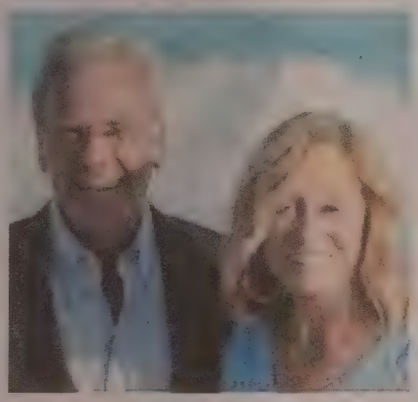

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Hamlet	Seller	Purchaser	Address	Property	Closing Date	Price
Aquebogue	Craig & Sonia Alfieri	Julia Sweeney	79 Peconic Bay Blvd	Residence	10/07/22	780,000
	Frank DiAgostino	Eric Egan	59 Meetinghouse Creek Road	Residence	08/05/22	509,000
Baiting Hollow	Jeffrey Cohen	Jamie Thom	216 Fox Hill Drive	Condo	09/15/22	460,000
Bridgehampton	Diana & Michael Serras	Panagiotis Saplachidis	16 Arthur Avenue	Residence	10/01/22	3,100,000
	BMCHSD LLC	131 Narrows Corp	131 Narrow Lane	Residence	09/27/22	685,000
	Kathleen & Margaret Griffin	Dominique Valentin	250 Halsey Lane	Residence	07/28/22	560,000
Calverton	Francine & Frank Palmer	Karel Amaranth	12 Golden Spruce Drive	Condo	09/01/22	600,000
	Estate of Inge Schmelzer	Manorville Landscaping Inc	River Road	Vacant	07/13/22	425,000
Cutchogue	James M Brodsky	Amy Sillman	1270 Skunk Lane	Residence	07/18/22	1,536,000
	John & Donna Kowalsick	Michael Poulos	680 Duck Pond Road	Residence	09/15/22	999,999
	Gary & Randy Ackerman	Robert Kelty	525 Deerfoot Path	Residence	09/23/22	925,000
	Rimor Development LLC	Lucille Van Baaren	25 Farmstead Court	Condo	09/29/22	840,000
	Rimor Development LLC	Richard Korn	19 Farmstead Court	Condo	09/20/22	840,000
	Rimor Development LLC	Catherine Oliva	17 Farmstead Court	Condo	09/19/22	820,000
	Rimor Development LLC	Arthur & Grace Meltzer	11 Farmstead Court	Condo	09/14/22	793,160
East Hampton	Maidstone Breezes LLC	12 Gallatin LLC	12 Gallatin Lane	Residence	09/30/22	12,000,000
	Violaine Etienne	Richard Budd	128 Three Mile Harbor HC Road	Residence	08/22/22	2,750,000
	Anthony & Marie Rao	28 Settlement Court LLC	28 Settlement Court	Residence	09/19/22	2,575,000
	Georges Family Trust	Claudia Camozzi	83 Newtown Lane	Residence	09/10/22	2,500,000
	Mark & Jeanie Stillwachs	Christopher Smajdor	10 Hedges Avenue	Residence	08/31/22	2,200,000
	5 Amys Court LLC	Charles Phillips	5 Amys Court	Condo	09/16/22	1,875,000
	Alexandra F Vallis	Gregory & Ana Baccari	40 Harbor View Drive	Residence	09/12/22	1,500,000
	Jazmyn Escalante	Jeffrey Sew	71 Sycamore Drive	Residence	08/30/22	1,400,000
	Bryant Mason	Valerie Cohen	12 Maidstone Avenue	Residence	07/21/22	1,340,000
	Patricia & Frank Grande	Owen & Jessica Bennett	18 Rutland Road	Residence	07/27/22	1,335,000
	Edward Lent Trust	MNZI LLC	63 Oyster Shores Road	Vacant	07/07/22	1,300,000
	Alan Burke	Vicente Nieto	205 Springs Fireplace Road	Residence	09/07/22	1,300,000
	Arlene M Notel	10 Gann Road LLC	10 Gann Road	Residence	08/19/22	1,300,000
	Francis & Wendelyn Mott	Julian Narvaez	430 Three Mile Harbor HC Road	Residence	07/27/22	1,170,000
	David & Enid Angstreich	Patrick Amato	23 Sammys Beach Road	Residence	09/06/22	985,000
	Javier & Maria Cuevas	Tobias Calle	158 Queens Lane	Residence	09/15/22	985,000
	Rocco & Bridget Doino	Luis & Gloria Martinez	213 Three Mile Harbor Road	Residence	09/21/22	920,900
	Estate of Henry Dittmer	Linda & William Lafferty	612 Stephen Hands Path	Vacant	08/29/22	345,000
	JP Forsberg Properties	Linda & William Lafferty	610 Stephen Hands Path	Vacant	08/29/22	169,950
East Marion	Gontzes Trust	Russell & Juanita Smith	4070 Rocky Point Road	Residence	05/03/22	900,000
East Quogue	Erika & Jason Tronni	Celia & Raymond Mollica	22 Head of Lots Road	Residence	09/08/22	1,575,000
	Alexander Ricci	Catherine & Edward Grimm	12 Birchwood Lane	Residence	07/29/22	1,385,000
	Sunglasses & Sweatpants LLC	1250 East 73rd Street LLC	6 Tarpon Road	Residence	09/20/22	1,150,000
Fishers Island	Z & S Contracting Inc	Thomas & Diana Shillo	891 The Gloaming	Residence	08/18/22	1,600,000
Flanders	Comax Properties LLC	Richard & Mariann Kump	26 Laurel Avenue	Residence	09/19/22	525,000
	Ahmed A Maktarow	Jose Zabala	89 Oak Avenue	Residence	09/02/22	410,000
Greenport	Wyandanch Real Estate Corp	Cynthia Lewis	520 Green Hill Lane	Residence	09/07/22	1,478,000
	Edward V Werthner	Suzanne Sattler	217 Bridge Street	Residence	08/18/22	930,000
	Estate of Karen Pollack	630 1st Street Property LLC	630 1st Street	Residence	09/06/22	910,000
	Christopher & Regina Moran	Corinne Vidulich	640 3rd Street	Residence	08/23/22	760,000
	Estate of Harvey Strange	221 North Street LLC	221 North Street	Residence	09/29/22	650,000
Hampton Bays	Estate of Richard Nydegger	Brian & Madeline O'Donoghue	17 Cormorant Drive	Residence	09/06/22	3,900,000
	Robert Paccasassi	Avidan Perez	14 Debbie Trail	Residence	09/20/22	950,000
	Elizabeth Zale	Stephen & Kathryn Lett	10 Rampasture Road	Residence	08/03/22	950,000
	Haley & Dennis Ketcham	Wendy Herz	6 Long Lane	Residence	05/16/22	837,500
	Lori Florimont	Joseph & Janice Gendusa	38 Neptune Avenue	Residence	10/06/22	768,000
	Flanagan Trust	Venetia Giannisi	113 East Tiana Road	Residence	09/12/22	750,000
	Robert G Nolan	John Leonard	24 Palo Alto Drive	Residence	07/29/22	669,900
	Bette Weisel	26 Starboard Road LLC	26 Starboard Road	Residence	09/23/22	650,000
	Stephen Ryan	Fabian Villamarin	93 Old Riverhead Road	Residence	07/22/22	564,000
	Margaret Blom Trust	Alexander Arevalo	13 Columbine Avenue	Residence	06/21/22	495,000
	Jacqueline & James Lanzarone	Katherine Murray	62 Canoe Place Road Unit 625	Condo	09/22/22	440,000
	Estate of Paul Lourakis	Partners Homes 44 LLC	17 Huckleberry Lane	Residence	09/20/22	435,750
Jamesport	Joann Schoenfelder	BEV 6 LLC	1820 Main Road	Residence	09/20/22	990,000
	Jason Juriako	Gregory & Jacqueline Goodale	270 Manor Lane	Residence	09/16/22	615,000
Laurel	Thomas Wilcenski	BVBNY LLC	2800 Main Road	Residence	09/02/22	710,000
	Richard & Laura Magill	JMJ Laurel Property LLC	345 Bray Avenue	Residence	09/30/22	585,000
	P & E LLC	622 Church Lane LLC	5835 Aldrich Lane	Vacant	07/20/22	415,000
Manorville	Henry & Helen Jones	Kelle & Jonathan Foote	205 Horton Court	Residence	09/18/22	500,000
Mattituck	Eric & Marie Muntner	Robert & Lisa LaSalle	4210 Ole Jule Lane	Residence	09/13/22	1,501,000
	Katia & Skaaren Cosse	Alan & Rachel Watson	4250 Sound Avenue	Residence	07/25/22	1,125,000
	Jean Saunders	Carly Weil	Village Lane	Vacant	07/22/22	80,000
Montauk	Surfside-Hersey LLC	Michael Goodwin	66 Surfside Avenue	Residence	08/26/22	17,500,000
	Callaghan Properties LLC	The Kuhn Montauk Property LLC	29 South Delrey Road	Residence	09/22/22	2,150,000

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HAMLET	SELLER	PURCHASER	ADDRESS	PROPERTY	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Montauk	Christopher & Mary Lou Peters	Steven & Mary Sabatino	28 Adams Drive	Residence	08/30/22	1,395,000
	Sheldon & Sheila Kaufman	Lois Holzman	7 South Durham Road	Residence	08/02/22	1,300,000
	Veronica Harris	Pablo Berrezueta	18 Fleming Road	Residence	10/05/22	1,190,000
New Suffolk	Michele Chaussabel	Catwill LLC	35 Orchard Street	Residence	09/20/22	800,000
Orient	North Fork Building Company LLC	James Kelly	80 Ryder Farm Lane	Residence	10/04/22	2,900,000
	Robert D Crawford	Robert & Gina Bond	40755 Main Road	Residence	09/01/22	1,800,000
	Charles & Robert King	Robert Murphy	495 Youngs Road	Residence	05/19/22	729,000
Quiogue	Mitchell & Nina Auerbach	Eric & Debra Lerner	10 Jennifers Path	Residence	09/07/22	1,475,000
	Philip Beyernheimer	Hassan Chowdhury	39 Peters Lane	Residence	09/01/22	1,400,000
	Peter & Susan Hertz	Ursila Jung	50 Midhampton Avenue	Residence	09/26/22	2,600,000
	Vas Family LLC	Jesse & Alana Lewin	30 Box Tree Road	Residence	09/20/22	1,750,000
Remsenburg	L & D Realty LLC	Julie & Steven Leipzig	17 Emmas Path	Vacant	09/22/22	850,000
Riverhead	James Wilson	GR Riverhead Land LLC	1418 Pulaski Street	Residence	07/10/22	2,200,000
	201 Tyler Court LLC	Lars & Margaret King	201 Tyler Court	Residence	09/16/22	879,000
	John Czartosieski	Michael & Lisa Tilley	68 Tyler Drive	Residence	08/03/22	819,000
	Estate of Patrick Pollock	John Jerdan	92 Saddle Lakes Drive	Condo	09/20/22	650,000
	Vincent & Maxine Love	399 South Floyd Road LLC	317 Doctors Path	Residence	07/29/22	550,000
	Eugene Robinson	Carlos & Blanca Fuentes	34 Fanning Street	Residence	08/10/22	500,000
	Anthony Falcone	Marie & Colleen Deuel	151 Scenic Lake Drive	Condo	02/18/22	499,000
	Karen & Robert Marks	Jason Pedota	50 Phillips Lane	Residence	08/25/22	465,000
	Hamilton Avenue Property LLC	Simon Galarza	81 Vail Avenue	Residence	08/08/22	456,000
	Bogdan Zalewski	Alejandra Lucci	375 Fishel Avenue	Residence	09/14/22	409,000
	Estate of Kathleen Wright	610 Ostrander Avenue Realty LLC	610 Ostrander Avenue	Residence	09/14/22	365,000
	Robert & Richard Rossi	Miguel & Olga Lopez	16 Wildwood Trail	Residence	10/05/22	100,000
Sag Harbor	Watchcase 402 LLC	Clarence Banks Family LP	15 Church Street Unit 402	Condo	09/09/22	4,850,000
	Christopher & Olivia Khouri	J & K RE Sag Harbor LLC	40 Tredwell Lane	Residence	09/14/22	2,750,000
	Anthony & Jean Lawless	One Rogers Court LLC	1 Rogers Court	Residence	09/29/22	2,400,000
	Bamboo East Hampton Inc	Bay Point Property LLC	60 Harbor Drive	Residence	10/25/22	2,350,000
	Michael Gluckman	Janet & Donald Mancini	38 Cliff Drive	Residence	09/23/22	1,630,000
	Gertrude Williams-Carson	Gattofreddo Ltd	66 Hillside Drive East	Residence	08/31/22	1,100,000
Sagaponack	Jon Levitt	Ridgewood Hampton LLC	301 Merchants Path	Vacant	08/10/22	6,100,000
Shelter Island Heights	Renaud J Verlaque	Howard & Ann Loeffler	12 Terry Drive	Residence	07/31/22	2,350,000
	Barbara Barnes	22 Winthrop LLC	22 Winthrop Road	Residence	09/28/22	828,898
	36 New York Ave Shelter Island Heights LLC	36 New York Ave LLC	36 New York Avenue	Residence	09/28/22	700,000
Southampton	Barbara Rousso Trust	Peter Worth	160 Jule Pond Drive	Residence	09/22/22	15,000,000
	Estate of Margaret Sullivan	David & Eve Mongiardo	101 Wyandanch Lane	Residence	08/18/22	11,800,000
	Hope Cantor	Richard Rubenstein	622 Halsey Neck Lane	Residence	09/07/22	10,700,000
	BVK New York Property Trust	52 Wooley LLC	52 Wooley Street	Residence	09/02/22	7,200,000
	Topaz Fine Home Building & Remodeling Inc	David Lenzi	86 Old Sag Harbor Road	Residence	09/15/22	4,075,000
	Bennett Properties LLC	Matthew & Nicole Ammirati	1736 County Road 39	Commercial	08/11/22	3,200,000
	Alan Bornstein	42 Knoll LLC	42 Knoll Road	Residence	08/29/22	2,215,000
	Estate of Jason Malak	QH Real Estate Holdings LLC	334 Noyack Road	Residence	08/04/22	1,895,000
	John & Donna Washabaugh	224 Millstone Brook Road LLC	224 Millstone Brook Road	Residence	09/29/22	1,089,000
	Jane Gelb	Nancy Murchison	37 Cove Road South	Residence	09/27/22	999,000
	Fairfield Southampton LLC	Jennifer Kirby	1 Village Green Drive	Condo	05/12/22	875,000
	Gerrymander Holdings LLC	Town of Southampton	North Sea Road	Vacant	08/23/22	250,000
Southold	Ellen Herman	Great Pond Haus LLC	1655 Lake Drive	Residence	10/07/22	1,200,000
	Stavroula & George Protonentis	Tara & Alan MacIntyre	215 Tarpon Drive	Residence	07/27/22	1,100,000
	Vincent & Carolyn Thomsen	David & Catherine Schneck	265 Mailer Court	Residence	07/22/22	975,000
	Margaret Radich Trust	David & Jennifer Olsen	605 Topsail Lane	Residence	06/17/22	775,000
	Sonia Polak	Roberts Premier Development LLC	4365 Oaklawn Avenue Extension	Residence	06/24/22	650,000
	Hunter Family Trust	Quiet Man Holdings LLC	1085 Old Shipyard Lane	Residence	10/13/22	601,000
Speonk	US Bank	San Estates Corp	6 Howell Place	Residence	08/09/22	505,000
Wading River	Kenneth & Lisa Salamone	Patrick & Denise McGarty	168 Calverton Court	Residence	09/09/22	735,000
	Robert Hoshyla	Carlos & Diana Vega	6082 North Country Road	Residence	09/09/22	685,000
	Anthony & Kristine Cresser	Meagan Voulo	6395 North Country Road	Residence	09/26/22	555,000
	Panagiotis & Maria Papanikolaou	John Anderson	96 18th Street	Residence	08/01/22	389,900
Water Mill	Down By The Bay LLC	88 Out East LLC	88 Brennans Moor	Residence	09/28/22	9,310,000
	Erik McKee	799 Edge of Woods LLC	799 Edge of Woods Road	Residence	09/26/22	6,075,000
Westhampton	Ann & William Alper	Leslie Sarf	35 Windwood Court	Residence	09/08/22	1,650,000
	Sposato Realty LP	Town of Southampton	65 Jagger Lane	Residence	08/23/22	1,300,000
	Myra Korman	James & Jane Spingarn	127 Scott Drive West	Condo	08/31/22	1,150,000
Westhampton Beach	Niki Livas Trust	199 Dune Road LLC	199 Dune Road	Residence	09/09/22	8,000,000
	RAJD Beach Road LLC	Alison & David Palmer	124 Beach Road	Residence	09/22/22	2,800,000
	Emilie W McCabe	Robert & Teresa Burke	11 Tuttle Place	Residence	09/02/22	1,800,000
	Ora Barnett Trust	Paul Calamita	48 Lilac Road	Residence	07/07/22	1,295,000
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	Camille Simone	Christopher Gregory	501 Gettysburg Drive	Condo	09/09/22	893,000

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Honoring This Weeks' Cover Artist: Wendy McLaughlin

WENDY MCLAUGHLIN

"SNOWY OWL SOARING OVER FIELD" BY WENDY MCLAUGHLIN

WENDY MCLAUGHLIN'S ART FEATURED ON THE DECEMBER 9, 2022 COVER OF DAN'S PAPERS: "ICONIC LONG ISLAND BIG DUCK IN FLANDERS, NY DECORATED FOR THE WINTER HOLIDAYS"

"FIRST SNOW AT HUNTER'S GARDEN FARMS" BY WENDY MCLAUGHLIN

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Presenting her debut *Dan's Papers* cover art on the July 22, 2022 issue, Wendy McLaughlin returns to discuss her second cover — a festive depiction of the iconic Big Duck in Flanders.

What is the name of this piece, and what inspired you to paint The Big Duck?

The painting is called: "Iconic Long Island Big Duck in Flanders, NY Decorated For The Winter Holidays." I was inspired to paint The Big Duck sculpture because it is an interesting symbol from the history of Eastern Long Island duck farming. I considered painting it during various seasons, but decided it was so attractive adorned for the winter holidays.

What did the creation process for this particular painting entail?

My husband and I visited The Big Duck and took photos in August of this year. We liked the late summer floral displays around the duck that day; but were impressed with the photo by Friends of the Duck during the holiday lighting in 2021, which I based my watercolor painting on.

What do you enjoy most about the painting process?

Watching a blank canvas/surface come to life. Being surprised during the process of making a painting how the painting takes over my creative process. I may start out thinking one thing, and it gets expanded upon during the doing. Painting for me has increased my observational skills, resulting in seeing all the potential scenes around me still waiting to be painted.

How do your art inspirations shift in the winter?

The winter light and skyscapes are beautiful with their dramatic cloud formations. Snow adds its own changes to the seascapes and landscapes. It can be the sparkle of the snow and how it reflects light from the moon or sun. Tree and shrub branches become lacey works of art in the winter. The whirling snowfalls and winter storms can be an inspiration for me.

What do you enjoy most about the holiday season on the East End?

The many small churches offering holiday candle-lit services and programs. The abundant acts of charity in our communities. The winter and holiday markets, local holiday parades, the first snow fall, visiting the many shops throughout the East End offering handcrafted holiday products. Driving around and looking at the light displays.

Looking back on 2022, what's something you learned about your art or about yourself as an artist?

I learned about the book *Art & Fear: Observations On the Perils (and Rewards) of Artmaking* by David Bayles and Ted Orland. The book really speaks to my challenges and struggles to keep motivated to study, paint, and to continue to be persistent in my artistic endeavors. Painting and crafting can often be hard work that can gnaw at your confidence — but then surprise you with its rewards.

Would you like to add any closing thoughts or additional info?

Believe in yourself and be open to learning from opportunities that come your way. I have met many wonderful new people through my artwork. I plan to continue to evolve in my work and am grateful that *Dan's Papers* considers my work worthy of their cover. I send my wishes for an inspired and joyous holiday to everyone. Please go to wjm-art.com to see more of my work.

Local artists who believe their art would be a good fit for a Dan's Papers *cover may send high-resolution works to dtaylor@danspapers.com for consideration. If one of your pieces is chosen in the weeks that follow, you'll be contacted about the confirmation and your Honoring the Cover Artist feature.*

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Shop, Stay & Experience Montauk with 2022 Holiday Specials

BY OLIVER PETERSON

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Great holiday deals from local stores and businesses.

Hampton Coffee Company

This season, the Hampton Coffee Company (HCC) is offering a variety of festive options. The annual 12 Days of HCC giveaway is back and fans can enter to win on the @hamptoncoffee Instagram account beginning December 10. Prizes range in value from $25–$250.

The "Holiday Cheer is Here" menu includes a brand-new orange raspberry scone, gingerbread guys, made by local South Fork Bakery, peppermint mocha lattes, eggnog lattes and the new holiday cookie shaken espresso! Guests will also be able to shop for festive (and locally made) merchandise like the exclusive Hampton Holiday Blend candle made by Hamptons Handpoured and hand-decorated campfire mugs made by Simply Made Greetings.

RALPH PUGLIESE

MONTAUK POINT LIGHTHOUSE LIT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Blade + Salt

Serving pizza and artisanal foods that stimulate the senses and foster community, Blade + Salt will be open throughout the holiday season featuring holiday-themed foods and small food gifts imported from Italy. *54 S. Erie Avenue, Montauk, 631-668-1601, bladeandsalt.com*

Poppy Heart

While Poppy Heart looks for a new brick-and-mortar spot on The End, enjoy a 20% off holiday discount when shopping for unique gifts for kids and adults at poppyheart.com. Simply enter the coupon PoppyHeartHoliday2022 at checkout. The holiday coupon expires on December 31.

The Shipwreck

Montauk's first full-service jewelry store featuring pieces inspired by the sea is giving customers 15% off through December 10, when they will be hosting a Makers Market inside the shop with locally made products and vendors. Food truck will be on hand for nibbles and libations available to sip. Stick around for a viewing of the First Annual Montauk Lighted Boat Parade (sponsored by Inlet Seafood).

Open Wednesday–Monday, closed Tuesday and Wednesday. *478 West Lake Drive, Montauk. 631-238-5331, shipwreckmontauk.com*

Amagansett Sea Salt

Get 10% off online orders on the Amagansett Sea Salt website through December 15 using code "saltyholidays." This discount excludes salt certificates, subscription boxes and finishing salt club membership, and it cannot be combined with other discounts. amagansettseasalt.com

NIBI MTK

Check out the NIBI MTK holiday sale running since November 15. Get 20–30% off all sweaters. Cold weather accessories are also 20% off, denim is 30–50% off and you'll find additional sales throughout the store. Locals always receive 15% off holiday gifts! New PJ sets are in stock for 25% off, and 50% off last season's PJs. The store also has a summer sales destination room with all designs 50–70% off for your holiday getaway! *88 S. Euclid Avenue, Montauk, 631-483-5139, nibimtk.com*

EXPERIENCES

Save on some of Montauk's iconic experiences and spend a fun-filled day on The End.

Montauk Lighthouse

Stop by this iconic landmark and historical spot during the holidays to see it lit up like a giant Christmas ornament. The lighthouse itself is closed for the season, but the grounds and gift shop will be open this Saturday and Sunday, December 10–11 from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. After that, you'll have to wait for warmer weather in 2023! *montaukhistoricalsociety.org/montauk-point-lighthouse*

The Montauk Anglers Club

For the fisherman in your life this holiday season, the Montauk Anglers Club is offering various holiday specials through the end of business on Friday, December 23. Get 20% off all apparel including boots and rain gear, 15% off coolers, 15% off all tackle (excluding fishing reels), and 30% off frozen bait. *Visit montaukanglersclub.com.*

Viking Fleet

Get 25% off all Viking Fleet gift certificates valued at $100 or more, and receive 10% off purchases, through December 31. Viking Fleet gift certificates never expire and can be redeemed toward an open boat fishing trip, ferry trip, whale watch trip or fun excursion. Gift cards purchased during this promotional period are not valid on ANY trips aboard the Viking Fivestar or ANY private charters. They cannot be redeemed until January 1, 2023.

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Oy vey, OMG, but...

It was a sunny brisk afternoon on Nov. 29 as I made my way to my daughter Samantha's home to give her her birthday present. As I briskly walked her slate walkway to her front door, I tripped on a brick and went down on all fours and a new adventure began.

Lying on the ground, I hoped that the fall would be just like any other and I'd simply get up, wipe myself off and keep going. But as I got up with the help of my daughter, I found I couldn't move my right leg, so off we went to Total Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, an urgent care center that specializes in orthopedic care.

My daughters had used the place multiple times when their children were injured, usually from playing sports. My grandson Jonah had just broken his wrist playing football and went there to be treated.

The urgent care center was a godsend, as I got in immediately without any other patients in the waiting room.

What a remarkable place, with orthopedic doctors on one side and a rehabilitation physical therapy office on the other side. I smiled as I noticed that the front receptionist desk had a "Vote For Me As The 'Best of Long Island' Nominee" flier. It's such a popular program that we had over a million people vote in previous years.

The orthopedic group has specialists for every part of the body, but that afternoon, a physician's assistant was the "doctor" in charge. She had a technician do an X-ray, but after reading it, she sent me to one of my best and trusted clients, Zwanger-Pesiri Radiology, for a CT scan. Within the hour, I had their diagnosis of a fractured pelvis, with no surgery needed. Hooray!

My daughter's friend Dr. Ari Goldman is an orthopedic surgeon, so we took the scans for him to read and evaluate. He came to the same conclusion: stay off my feet and rest. That's not an easy prescription, but life changes instantly and I've learned to go with the flow.

Joe and Maryann Mattone at their annual party

My daughter got into action and ordered a walker, a wheelchair and a recliner — among other things — to adapt my home for me.

With my calendar filled for the holiday season, I wasn't going to miss my staff holiday party or Joe and Maryann Mattone's annual party starting the beautiful holiday season.

It was the first gathering of our media company employees since the beginning of COVID. I was delighted to see our team and meet new members who had been hired virtually.

What a joy to take the elevator in Terrace on the Park up to its ballroom overlooking our sparkling city.

To prepare, my friend Lois Christie, of Christie & Co Salon, brought my favorite stylist Marisa to blow out my hair so it would look perfect!

While Marisa did her magic, Lois got busy decorating my wheelchair with white holiday lights and gold ribbons. She also placed pink bows around my walker and we all glued sparkling stones on its "legs." If I'm going to be using "assisting tools," I want them to be glamorous!

Over 20 years ago, I was visiting my client Bob Coccia's Appliance Center to collect a check when I fell into a tree pit and cracked my pelvis. But never one to be held down, shortly after I had to attend a press conference hosted by Mayor Mike Bloomberg. When the mayor saw me, he asked what happened. I quickly answered, "Oh, I was pole dancing and fell off!"

It's fun to make fun of ourselves and laugh about life!

Talking about fun, it was such a treat to catch up with the wonderfully talented people we employ. Josh, our CEO, had hired a great band that backed up all our staff karaoke singers who took the mic!

We laughed, screamed and sang along with the singing sensations created that night. If you haven't done karaoke before, do it! What fun!

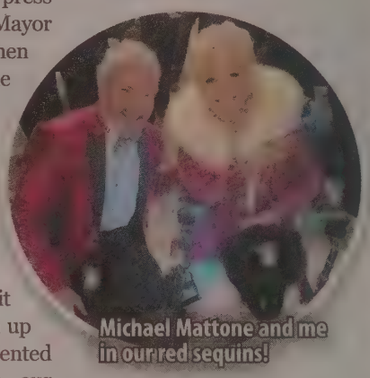
On Saturday night, dear friends Maryann and Joe Mattone held their annual holiday party at the spectacularly decorated Columbus Club in Manhattan.

Thanks to the club's powerful staff, they (four strong men) literally carried me up the club's eight steps in my decorated wheelchair. I squeezed my eyes closed and prayed they didn't drop me! They didn't!

Having safely arrived at the party, everyone laughed with shock on their faces as they watched me roll into the cocktail hour with holiday lights flashing on my wheelchair.

It was a reunion of people I see yearly at the gloriously designed party.

The biggest treat was seeing old friends and participating in the sing-along led by a brilliant opera singer, whose rendition of "Ave Maria" and "Silent Night" brought cheers of "Bravo" from the guests seated in the stunningly decorated hall.


Michael Mattone and me in our red sequins!

It was so good to see old friends Denise Arbesu and Peter Meyer, who now live in Florida.

They had a crazy accident themselves. While walking their dog, a man coming out of his driveway ran them over and they suffered terrible injuries. So with Denise telling me to keep off my feet, I'm listening to her advice, which comes from her struggles on her road to recovery.

I'll keep you posted on my recovery. Hopefully it won't be too long before I can move from oy vey to hooray!

(L. to R.) Georgiana Reese Benatti, Vinny Riso, Linda and Greg Galdi, Denise Arbesu, Gail Gartenstein and Peter Meyer

What a joy to celebrate the holiday season with my staff at Terrace on the Park!

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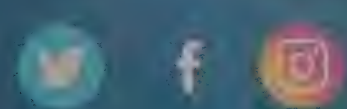

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CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

LIVE SHOWS

CERTAIN MOVES AT WOLFFER ESTATE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4-7 -P.M.

Book your table ahead of time for Candlelight Friday at Wolffer Estate. The menu includes seasonal pairings, new wine and cider releases and seasonal cocktails. Meanwhile, the Certain westMoves trio will be playing your favorite hits from the 1960s through today.

139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106, wolffer.com

SARAH CONWAY REVEL CHRISTMAS SHOW AT THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 9-10 P.M.

Rock out to the Christmas spirit with Sarah Conway and the Playful Souls, who will be playing your favorite holiday hits in a unique melding of rock, country, blues and gospel styles. There is a $25 cover charge.

161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, stephentalkhouse.com

CANTABILE YOUTH CHORUS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 5-6:15 P.M.

You won't want to miss this elegant candlelight Christmas concert presented by the Cantabile Youth Chorus of the Hamptons at the beautiful Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons.

111 Saint Andrews Road, Southampton. 631-275-1851, dormitionhamptons.org

PECONIC BALLET THEATER PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AND 11

Don't miss one of the four showings of this holiday classic at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $28.76

Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-2350, whbpac.org

AMERICAN HOLIDAY IN SONG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2-3 P.M.

Enjoy an uplifting concert that includes holiday standards and Caroline Doctorow's original take on the season. The audience is encouraged to participate! 52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. *631-728-6241, hamptonbays.librarycalendar.com*

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

ECI'S HOLIDAY MAKER'S MARKET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Get out and about and support local vendors while purchasing unique gifts for your friends and family. Local wares will include blankets, local honey, wreaths, soaps, jewelry and photos with Santa.

82 Lynn Avenue, Hampton Bays. eciny.org

HAMPTONS EVENTS

GETTY IMAGES

SCORE SOME ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFTS AT A HOLIDAY FAIR

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

NATURE WALK ALONG THE TRAILS OF THE MORTON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:30 A.M.

Take an invigorating hike while exploring this diverse area consisting of forests, fields, ponds, beaches and a lagoon. The habitat supports a variety of wildlife.

2595 Noyack Road, Sag Harbor. 631-537-9735, sofo.org/calendar

SANTA VISITS THE SAG HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2-4 P.M.

Get the whole family out on Main Street in Sag Harbor, where Santa will be available for photo ops. While you're there, check out local food and shopping options.

1357 Brick Kiln Road, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0252, sagharborfd.org

HOLIDAY PARTY & BOAT PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6 P.M.

Bring along the whole family for a festive holiday boat parade to benefit the Montauk Food Pantry. There will be food, drinks, music and even an appearance by Santa. Prizes will be awarded to the best-decorated boats.

541 East Lake Drive, Montauk. inletseafood.com/events

ENRICHING PROGRAMS

HAYGROUND–HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10 A.M.

Don't miss this beloved tradition at Hayground School, where you'll get a chance to mingle as well as sample the wares of local artisans and craftspeople.

151 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton. 631-537-7068, hayground.org

HOLIDAY MAKER'S MARKET AT THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

Find unique handmade gifts at the Maker's Market, including food, clothing, jewelry and home goods. While you're there, enjoy family-friendly activities that include a painting workshop, refreshments and drinks. The cost is $5 for the day but children ages twelve and under can attend for free.

48 Madison Street, Sag Harbor. 631-919-5342, thechurchsagharbor.org

ORIGAMI ORNAMENTS WITH SARYNA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 12-1 P.M.

If you love origami, you shouldn't miss this special adult event at the Westhampton Free Library where you'll make at least three ornaments. It's $3 per person.

7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335, westhamptonlibrary.librarymarket.com

READERS THEATER: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2-3 P.M.

Join Laura Jasper at the East Hampton Library for this dramatic retelling of Charles Dicken's A Christmas Carol. There will be interludes when the audience can join in and even sing Christmas carols to get into the holiday spirit.

159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org

FILM LECTURE: SPAGHETTI WESTERNS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 6-7:30 P.M.

Many of the Westerns created from the late 1960s to the early 1970s were directed and produced by Italians, including the influential Sergio Leone. You will discuss history and style, as well as watch some great clips, with other Western buffs at the Rogers Memorial Library.

91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774, rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com

FAUNA WINE DINNER: AN EXPLORATION OF WEST COAST WINES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6:30-9 P.M.

Enjoy five delightful courses paired with a fine selection of West Coast wines at Fauna. The cost is $120 per person with a $40 deposit due at the time of reservation.

6 Parlato Drive, Westhampton Beach. faunawhb.com

ART EXHIBITIONS

BY HAND ARTISAN'S HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Don't miss your opportunity to view and purchase fused glass, original jewelry, mosaics and more at Ashawagh Hall in East Hampton. Admission is free.

780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064147684594

A CELEBRATION OF TREES

ON VIEW THROUGH DECEMBER 18

Don't miss one of the final weeks to explore this mixed-media exploration that raises awareness about trees and forests. The gallery is open Friday-Sunday from 12–5 p.m.

25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0967, southamptonartscenter.org

ALL IN AT THE WHITE ROOM GALLERY

ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 1

Enjoy this colorful exhibition celebrating those artists who share the vision of the White Room Gallery, making 2022 a wonderful year of art and memories.

2415 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-237-1481, thewhiteroom.gallery

Seeking event photographers, email: **PhotoEditor@DansPapers.com**

KAHLO: AN EXPANDED BODY

ON VIEW THROUGH APRIL 2

Don't miss this fascinating exploration of the life of Frida Kahlo, who used the body as source material for her work. The exhibition features more than 100 objects from her life, including letters, photographs and documents.

279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org

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LIVE SHOWS

WLNG'S ROCKABILLY CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 8 P.M.

It's time for a Rockabilly Christmas at the New Suffolk Theater! Enjoy Jason D. Williams on piano as well as Gene Casey. Tickets are $49 to $55 and doors open at 7 p.m.

118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

HOLIDAY JAM WITH ANNABELL & FRIENDS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6-10 P.M.

Head on over to Spirit's Promise Rescue for a night of holiday music and fun in the festive barn. The cost is $30 per person and you can bring your own drinks and snacks. Registration is required.

2746 Sound Avenue, Baiting Hollow. 631-875-0433, spiritspromise.com

PARIS RAY AT JASON'S VINEYARD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1:30-6 P.M.

Enjoy live music in the Tasting Room at Jason's Vineyard while sipping on some of your favorite bubbly. Paris Ray is a New York-based singer and songwriter who has appeared in shows like *Guiding Light*, *30 Rock* and *iCarly*. She has written over 50 songs and performs regularly throughout Long Island and Manhattan.

1785 Main Road, Jamesport. 631-238-5801, jasonsvineyard.com/events.

A CAPELLA HOLIDAY CHORUS CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2-3 P.M.

Don't miss the House of Red Hearts while they sing holiday tunes and entertain you with the stories behind each piece. Holiday cookies, hot beverages and other treats will be served.

27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchogue.librarycalendar.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

S'MORES & PORT AT NORTH FORK TABLE & INN

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 4-5 P.M.

Reserve your table ahead of time for a cozy outdoor dessert including a mini-bonfire, a curated Ssmores set for two and two glasses of port or rich hot cocoa.

57225 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-0177, northforktableandinn.com

ENRICHING PROGRAMS

FREE PET PHOTO WITH SANTA

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 9 A.M.

Bring your favorite furry friend over to Talmage Farms, where you can get a free digital photo with Santa. This year's theme is "Christmas by the Sea." Be sure to schedule your photo ahead of time.

1122 Osborn Avenue, Riverhead. 631-727-3100, talmagefarm.com

PEPPERMINT TWIST BASKET WEAVING CLASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

Create a lovely basket with plenty of room for peppermints at Hallockville Museum Farm. The cost is $50 for members and $65 for non-members plus an $18 material fee.

6038 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-298-5292, hallockville.org

EAT, DRINK, & BE SPARKLING: BIRDS & BUBBLY WITH THE NORTH FORK SHACK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 12-4 P.M.

Enjoy an afternoon of tasty delights with a flight of four sparkling wines paired with chicken and waffles served sandwich-style at Sparkling Pointe Vineyards & Winery. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200, sparklingpointe.com

North Fork EVENTS

1ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY PAW-LOOZA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1-5 P.M.

Don't miss this howling good time at the Twin Fork Beer Co. featuring photos with Santa, a holiday marketplace, crafts, raffles and live music. Tickets are required for Santa photos.

807 Raynor Avenue, Riverhead. twinforkbeer.com

ART EXHIBITIONS

THE LANDSCAPE

ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 16

Don't miss this exhibition of 57 works by 46 national artists working in photography, painting and mixed media on the theme of landscape. Meet the juror and artists on Zoom on December 14 at 7 p.m.

25425 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-8545, alexferronegallery.com

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OUT & ABOUT WITH THE KIDS

A SHARK AT LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM

CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES

TOP 5 KIDS EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

BLOCK PRINTED HOLIDAY WRAPPING-PAPER WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10 A.M.

Your creative kiddo ages 6–18 can create their own rubber stamps, apply ink to printing blocks and stamp them on craft paper to make homemade wrapping paper with artist Kym Fulmer. The cost is $32 per session and advanced registration is required.

44 Meadow Way, East Hampton. 631-655-4586, projectmost.org

WINTER WONDERLAND AT THE WOLFFER WINESTAND

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AND 11, 12 P.M.

Enjoy the first year of this winter-themed event at Wolffer Estate suitable for the entire family. Your $30 ticket includes ice skating, skate rentals, hot chocolate for kiddos and a glass of wine for grown-ups. There will also be firepits, a holiday display and visits from Santa himself on select days. Be sure to reserve your ticket ahead of time online.

139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106, wolffer.com

OUR FABULOUS VARIETY SHOW WINTER VARIETAL PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2-3:30 P.M.

Don't miss this fabulous performance at LTV studios that includes tap, jazz, hip hop and Irish step acts. Ticket prices range from $10 to $35 and VIP seating is available.

75 Industrial Road, Wainscott. 631-507-4603, ourfabulousvarietyshow.org/tickets.

SANTA IS VISITING THE LIBRARY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:30 A.M.-NOON

Don't miss this special visit by Santa, who will land first at the Cutchogue Firehouse by helicopter. He will then head over to the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library, where he will be listening to little holiday wishes. No registration is required.

27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchogue.librarycalendar.com

TEEN SKATE NIGHT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6- 9 P.M.

Bring your little skater in grades 7-12 over to the Greenport American Legion. Admission is $10 with a skate rental and $5 if you bring your own wheels.

102 Third Street, Greenport. greenportamericanlegion.org

FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

THE CLUBHOUSE

Enjoy some serious sporting fun with your kiddos at The Clubhouse, where they'll enjoy bowling, arcade games, mini golf and snacks in a fun atmosphere.

174 Daniels Hole Road, East Hampton. 631-637-2695, clubhousehamptons.com

COUNTRY CORNER CAFE

If your little adventurer is getting hungry, take them over to the Country Corner Cafe for breakfast or lunch. They can enjoy a kid-friendly menu that includes pancakes, waffles, burgers and homemade mac & cheese. The eatery is also known for its delicious desserts and ice cream.

55765 NY-25, Southold. 631-765-6766, countrycornersouthold.com

CUSTER INSTITUTE AND OBSERVATORY

Take your little explorer over to the Custer Institute and Observatory, which is open to the public every Saturday night from dusk until midnight. You can view the night sky through powerful telescopes, take a tour, or visit the library, exhibit room, or gift shop. In addition, you can check out their website for frequent family-friendly events.

1115 Main Bayview Road, Southold. 631-765-2626, custerobservatory.org

LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM

Bring your little guppy over to one of the East End's most popular attractions, which includes exhibits like Amphibian Alley, Amazon Rainforest and Butterflies. Tickets are $29.99 for children and $42.99 for adults. Little ones under age 2 can attend for free.

431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, longislandaquarium.com

Find more events online at DansPapers.com/Events

MAIN STREET SWEETS

Your kiddo can enjoy the adorable display of penny candy at this local mom-and-pop favorite. While you're there, pick up a unique gift for the holidays.

121 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-5753, mainstreetsweetswesthampton.com

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Don't miss out on serious holiday fun that includes ice skating, a petting zoo, bouncy houses, hayrides, cookie decorating and face painting. You'll also enjoy hot apple cider, popcorn and smores while you sit by the firepit. And don't forget to pick out your tree while you're there!

30105 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-735-9242, santaschristmastreefarmli.com

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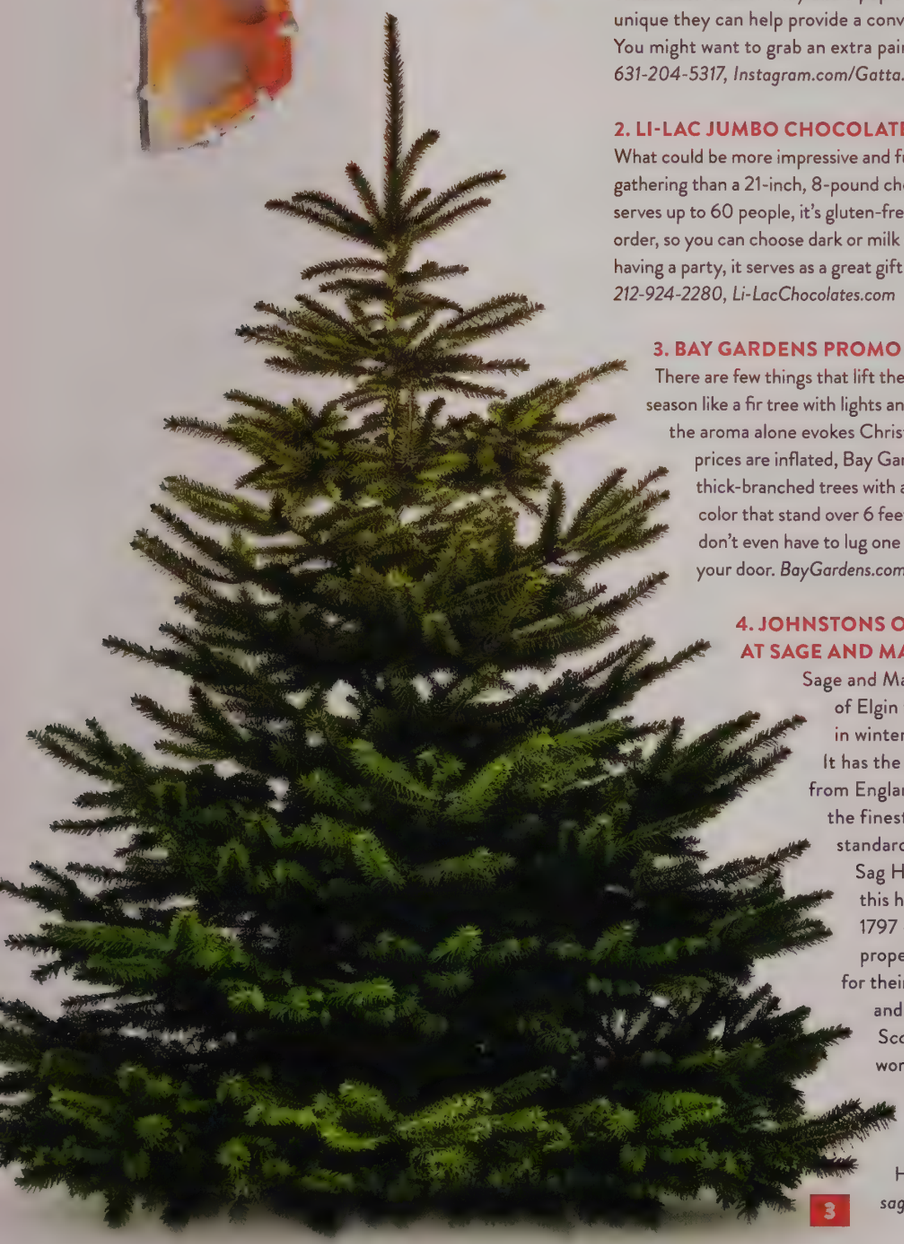

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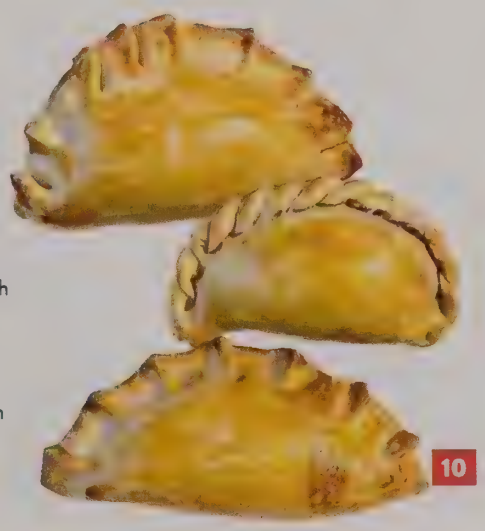

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BY OLIVER PETERSON

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Opening hearts, doors and minds for more than 50 years, this organization was founded by Schneps Media founder Victoria Schneps (owner of *Dan's Papers*) to support people with intellectual disabilities and autism. The organization helps find more than 1,000 people with developmental disabilities and on the autism spectrum warm, loving group homes and day programs that support them and their families. Their Family Center For Autism offers an inclusive environment where people of all ages can explore a variety of activities, classes, and programs. *Learn more and donate at lifesworc.org.*

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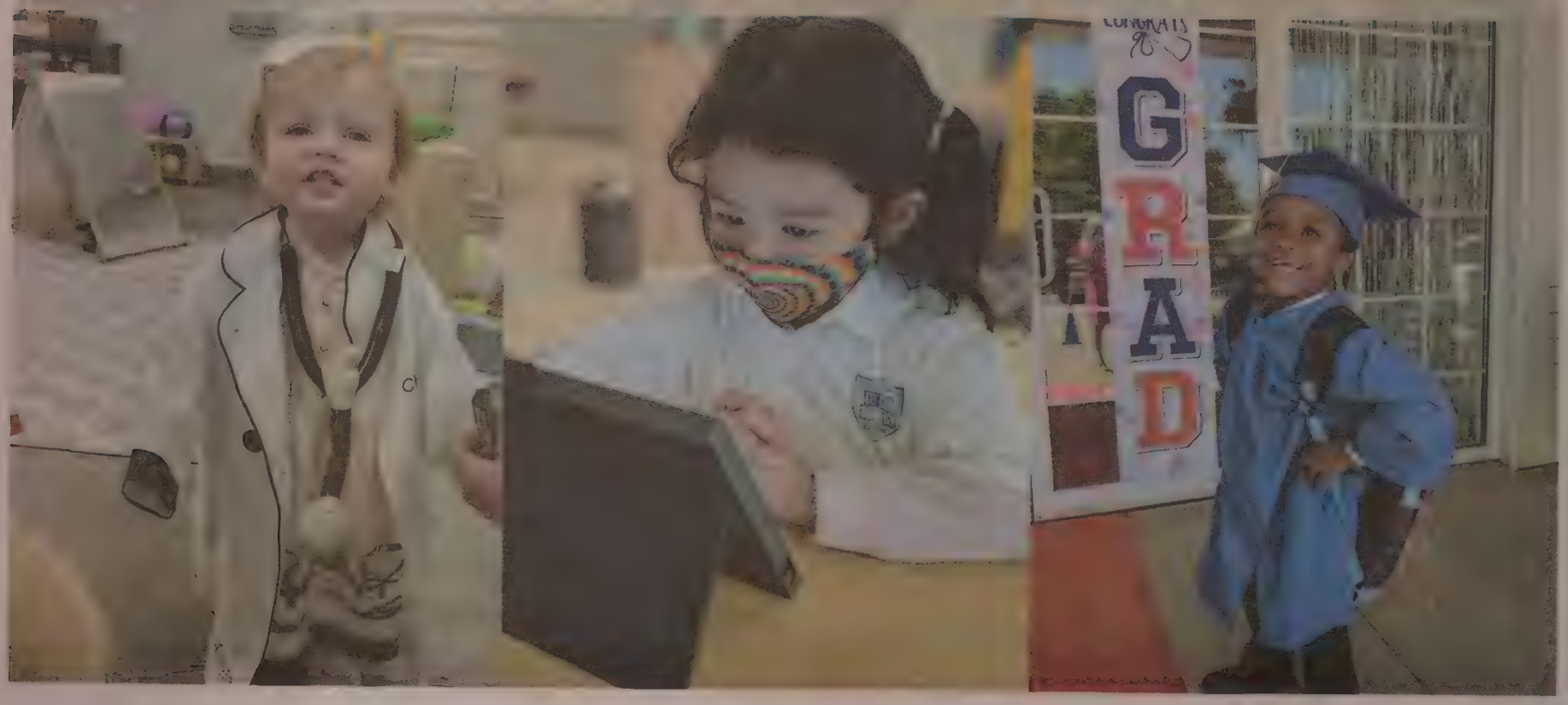

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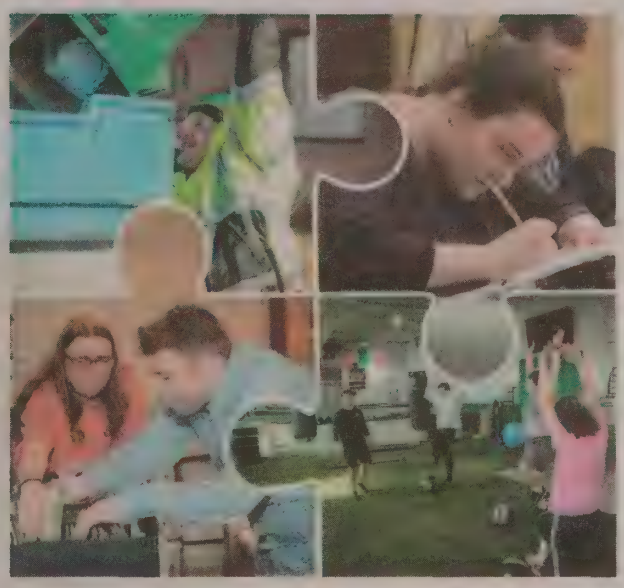

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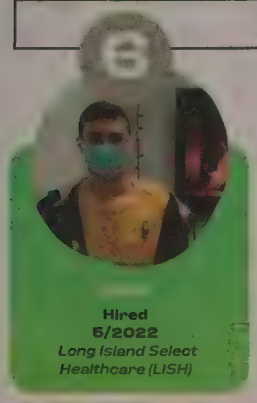

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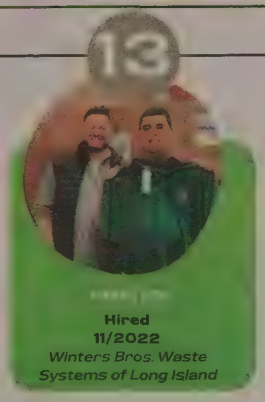

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BY HARRY POWERS

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Mirabelle Restaurant at the Three Village Inn in Stony Brook is throwing a bunch of fun holiday events this month. On Christmas Eve, it will be serving a special three-course prix fixe menu, costing $75 for adults and half-off for children age 10 and under. The Three Village Inn is offering a special holiday celebration package on Christmas Eve, including overnight accommodations, wine and cheese in room upon arrival, Christmas Eve prix fixe dinner for two and a complimentary 12 p.m. checkout. Rates start at $396, plus tax and gratuity. You can also usher in 2023 at Mirabelle, which will be serving a special prix fixe dinner menu on New Year's Eve and special brunch and dinner menus on New Year's Day.

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FOOD SEEN

Did You Know?

The **East End Food Institute** runs an indoor food market in Riverhead during the winter months, providing access to fresh produce the entire year. The market opened for the season in late November and hosts vendors that frequenters of East End farmers markets will know: **Blue Duck Bakery, Milla's Puffs, Mecox Bay Dairy, Sag Harbor Honey, the Perfect Pickle, North Fork Oysters** and dozens more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays only.

Quail Hill in Amagansett is offering tasty treats such as winter squash, parsnips, carrots, potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, dried beans, smoked peppers and salad greens from the farm's hoop houses. The winter produce shares cost $525, and $300 for those with more limited means. Sign-up is online at peconiclandtrust.com.

Charcuterie is all well and fine, but no holiday dinner party is complete without seasonal cocktails. **Sagaponack Farm Distillery** is here to the rescue, offering a Bloody Mary kit for $75 to $85 with vodka, fresh Bloody Mary mixer, Foster Farm potato chips and pickled carrots. It's also providing gin, wheat vodka and malted rye for $35 to $55 per bottle. The tasting room is open Friday and Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m. and from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. We suggest trying the cucumber vodka and rhubarb liqueur!

Bits & Bites

It's igloo season! Our favorite heated igloo dining experiences on the East End are **Flora** in Westhampton Beach, **The Baker House 1650** in East Hampton, **Mirabelle Restaurant** in Stony Brook and last but not least, the **Southampton Ice Rink**, which includes a Bluetooth speaker, board games and seats for up to six guests.

There's no place like Montauk for the holidays! Overnight guests who kick off their holiday season at **Gurney's** will enjoy a holiday viewing party, cider and hot chocolate stations, family movie nights and more festivities. It's a perfect way to celebrate the holidays!

EHP Resort and Marina will be spreading cheer by offering regular and spiked hot chocolate, cocktail classes at **Si Si Restaurant,** wine tastings, holiday cookie baking and decorating kits, plus arts and crafts for children, chauffeured rides to **Buckskill Winter Club** for ice skating and holiday lights tour in Montauk and Sag Harbor.

Leon 1909 on Shelter Island had a stellar debut this summer and has designed a special menu for groups during the holiday season. Menu highlights include a red wine braised brisket, salt-baked striped bass, Sylvester Manor holiday glazed ham, horseradish creme fraiche, olive bread and butter, kohlrabi and apple sauce and lemon meringue tart.

Food Quote: "I was 32 when I started cooking, until then, I just ate."
–Julia Child

COURTESY LEON 1909

LEON 1909 BOASTS A HOLIDAY MENU

Recipe: Mirabelle Tavern's Ginger Almond Tart

The ginger almond tart is part of the early history of Mirabelle Tavern at the Three Village Inn. It was created by Chef Emeritus Senior Advisor Guy Reuge in 1983 and remains, to this day, a customer favorite. It goes well with a cup of coffee.

PATE SABLEE
INGREDIENTS
4 ounces confectioners' sugar
8 ½ ounces all-purpose flour
Pinch of salt
4 ½ ounces butter, chopped into small cubes
1 egg
METHOD
In the bowl of an electric mixer (such as a KitchenAid) fitted with the paddle, combine the confectioners' sugar, flour, salt, butter and egg. Form the dough into a ball and refrigerate it for at least 1 hour.

Roll out the dough 1/8-inch thick to fit a 10-inch tart shell mold. Fit the dough into the tart mold and freeze it for 1 hour before baking. Bake the tart shell in an oven preheated to 325°F for 15 minutes, or until the crust is golden, and reserve it.

GINGER ALMOND FILLING
INGREDIENTS
1 pound light brown sugar
1 cup blanched sliced almonds
3 tablespoons heavy cream
1 tablespoon grated fresh gingerroot
6 ounces unsalted butter
4 large egg yolks
Confectioners' sugar for dusting the top of the tart
Unsweetened whipped cream
METHOD
In a saucepan combine the brown sugar, almonds, cream, grated gingerroot and butter, cook the mixture over moderate heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until it is liquefied but not too hot. Rapidly stir in the egg yolks.

Pour the mixture into the reserved tart shell and bake it in a preheated 240°F oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until it is semi-firm and the top looks shiny. Remove the tart and let it cool for at least 3 hours before unmolding.

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GINGER ALMOND TART

TO SERVE
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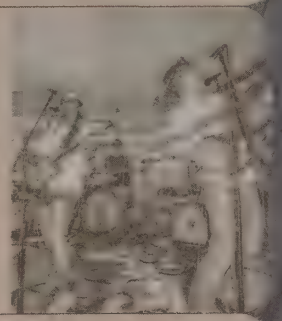

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Something to Wine About: Josh Cellars Cabernets for the Holidays

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

Let's face it, as much fun as the holidays are, deciding what bottles to bring to events and what bottles to gift can be stressful. You want to bring that special bottle that everyone at the party wants to open, and that the host or hostess wants to keep for themselves. To fit that particular bill there are few wines, if any, that are more universally enjoyed, and recognized, than Josh Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon.

The classic Josh Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, for those who are unfamiliar, has notes of cherry, blackberry, hazelnut, cinnamon, vanilla and toasted oak. It's rich, it's smooth and it has a lovely velvety mouth feel. This wine pairs well with red meats, hearty Italian foods and dark chocolate. And, of course, it drinks stunningly well on its own.

It is a very economical $17, and, if that wasn't enough, the company has a strong objective to give back to so many worthy causes including our troops and first responders. Visit this page to see some of the current organizations the company is helping support: joshcellars.com/about-josh/giving-back

If you want to gift a bottle to a Josh lover, but want to get something a little different and more impressive looking, you can try the Josh Cellars Reserve North Coast Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a striking bottle, heavy and black, with a deep punt and gold lettering. This wine is a bit more fruit-forward than the classic Josh and also a bit brighter. It's still a bargain at only $22.

Another bottle you may want to get for firefighter friends and family is the Josh Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon from Lodi. The label on this bottle depicts firefighters fighting a wildfire, and the company is a proud supporter of the National Volunteer Fire Council. This wine is a big red with notes of coffee, earth, oak, dark berries, brambly fruit and bittersweet chocolate. It's a great go-to for barbequed meats and blackened steaks. This bottle is another steal at only $22.

With three great choices from Josh, holiday shoppers should be able to keep most every cabernet fan happy without breaking the bank.

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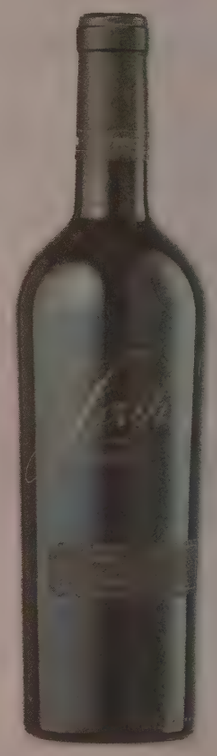
JC CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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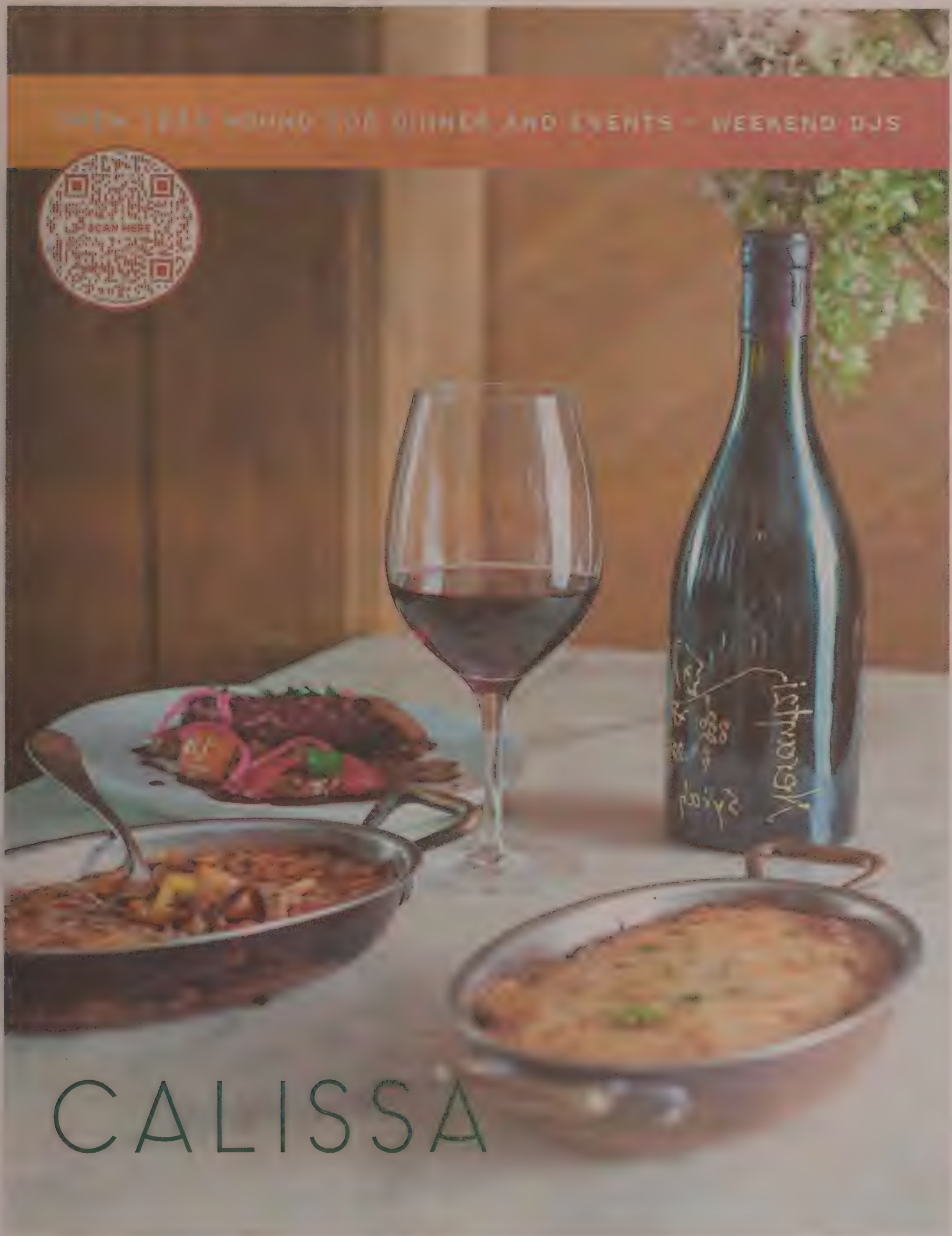
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Ask Beatty: Divorcing Well — the Greatest Gift You Can Give Your Children, Your Ex and Yourself

BY BEATTY COHAN, MSW, LCSW, AASECT

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HOW YOU CHOOSE TO CONDUCT YOUR DIVORCE CAN HAVE MAJOR CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

The divorce rate for first marriages is 48%. Couples marrying for the second time divorce at a rate of 67%. And unfortunately, third marriages end at an abysmal rate of 73%. Clearly, people need to do a much better job when it comes to making what I believe is probably the most important decision of our lives: Deciding who they choose to marry.

I have identified three things that we need to learn and do, if we ever hope to have a successful marriage or relationship with anyone.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED: ARE YOU ONBOARD?

Each of us needs to be in a good place emotionally and psychologically. We need to be willing to work through — as best as we can — our past hurts, traumas and skeletons in the closet. There are always lessons to be learned from our good, bad and ugly histories. Hopefully, in moving forward, people will find better and healthier ways to live and cope, so as not to repeat destructive, self-destructive or self-sabotaging patterns.

We need to have clarity about the ingredients that actually go into a successful long-term relationship. Over the years, I have found that despite more media attention being paid to relationships and mental health, many people still seem to be unaware of the importance of educating themselves about what it really takes to have a healthy relationship.

We need to be willing to actually use my 10-step formula, based on my research and book, *For Better for Worse Forever: Discover the Path to Lasting Love,* for assessing who's right or wrong for you before committing to any serious relationship. After all, we assess everything in our lives. We read *Consumer Reports* and the never-ending reviews online about services and products that we are contemplating using. We fool ourselves into believing that we don't need to go through the same kind of rigorous process when we are contemplating having a serious relationship.

HOWEVER ...

Despite our best intentions, divorce is a reality, and the emotional, psychological and financial consequences of divorce cannot be minimized. Children suffer in unimaginable ways when their parents' marriage and family life is dissolved. However, I believe that people have the capability of deciding how well or how badly they choose to divorce. So even though you may feel like inflicting as much pain, damage and vengeance on your former spouse as possible, take time to think about how you might channel your emotions in healthier ways.

REMEMBER ...

This is not the time to be taking this painful journey on your own. Hopefully, you have friends and family who will offer you love and support. However, give yourself permission and reach out and ask for professional help, if and when you feel that despite all of your efforts, you are struggling and are unable to cope with the reality of your divorce.

Dear Beatty,

John and I have been married for over 25 years. We have three teenage children. I have been a stay-at-home mother and my husband is a financial advisor for a major international lending institution. Although we've had the usual ups and downs in our marriage, I never could have dreamed that my husband, the love of my life, has been leading a secret life for the past five years with another woman and family. I discovered the devastating news in a series of emails while using his computer last week. When I confronted him, he confessed to everything, showing no emotion or remorse. I think that he was actually relieved that I discovered the truth about his other life. I asked him whether he wanted to try and save our marriage. His answer was a definitive no. He wanted a divorce. My initial instinct was to try and find ways to destroy him in every possible way. We decided to tell the children together, leaving out the part about his other life. I need some good advice as to how to proceed.

-Jasmine, B. of Sagaponack

Dear Jasmine,

What a shock to discover that your husband, someone who you have loved and trusted for 25 years, has another life! I can't begin to imagine the pain, anger, disappointment, betrayal and abandonment that you understandably are feeling. What's really important for you, your children and even your husband is that the end of your marriage be handled in the best possible way. I know that this probably sounds like an impossible task to even consider at this moment. However, for all of your sakes, this does need to be the goal. First, you need to find yourself a divorce attorney — someone who will be available to you — someone who you can count on to protect you and your children's legal and financial interests. Ideally, mediation is a viable and less contentious choice in working out all the details including custody, visitation, child support, alimony, etc. However, given the fact that your husband has proven to be such a good liar for so many years, I would not trust him and therefore, would not recommend mediation in your situation. I would also suggest that you and the children find yourself a good therapist who will be able to help you emotionally work through the reality of your new situation and guide you in constructive ways to help you to move forward. As for your children finding out about their father's other life, I believe that honesty always wins out in the end. Please remember that there is life after divorce.

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Fishing Guy: Season's End Draws Near

BY GUY MORALES

They say that doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting a different result is the definition of insanity ... unless you're a fisherman. For many of us, this fall was frustrating, having to put in some serious hours to get on a decent striper bite. With the crazy weather we've had, even the people fishing from their boats had to work hard to get on the fish.

From Montauk to Jones Beach, the bass were here today, gone tomorrow. Some places barely turned on at all for striped bass. It seemed to take a long time for the water temps to get low enough for large groups of fish to run through, so when any sizable fish were around, you better have been out there.

With a diamond jig doing the job during the day, it's been the needle fish that have done it for me at night this last month of the season. It seemed like the larger needle fish (blurple) on those dark nights kept the bigger bass hitting with my largest of the fall weighing 26 lbs. and reaching 40 inches long.

Montauk had a slow start for bass but it picked up with a fairly strong finish with fish up to 50 lbs. coming up from the surf. Large needlefish plugs and bottle plugs get the job done this fall. Fishing out here is its own sport and is not for someone who's new to surfcasting-style fishing. Attempting to go out to fish Montauk without the proper gear and an experienced fisherman guide can get a person injured or worse.

Cupsogue has had more frequent action for striped bass in the last few weeks and is your best bet for some early morning fishing. The inlet, as well as out front, has had some larger fish coming up in the early mornings and even during the daytime on diamond jigs and swim shad. The outgoing tide has been the best time to be out there with a line in the water. These mornings are getting colder and colder, so by now if you're surfcasting, you need those neoprene waders and all of your cold weather gear. December 15 is getting closer to ending yet another striped bass season.

Shinnecock has had plenty of good fishing this fall and it's even been somewhat consistent, considering the crazy weather we've had for much of this last month. Putting time in on the rocks paid off well for many fishermen at the inlet. These rocks get packed with hungry anglers from all over New York looking to get into some fish, so try to give folks plenty of room to keep from getting your lines tangled.

Smith Point is where I started really getting into surfcasting. I'd been fishing Long Island's South Shore since I was a kid before getting lured in. I was hooked right away and will be out there until I'm physically unable to do it any longer. At this time last year I couldn't miss at Great Gun, but this year I haven't heard of anything going on making that drive worth it. I had one small striper on a small sinking needlefish that wasn't even picture-worthy, and a few bites. There were some larger fish coming up right out in front of the concession stand for a few days on diamond jigs and swim shad.

GUY MORALES

JOHN WHARRY FISHING IN MONTAUK

Robert Moses Field 5 has been seeing some short bass with some slot-sized fish mixed in during the daytime on diamond jigs mostly. With the winds we've been having, an A27 diamond jig has been the easiest lure to have any kind of feel with and for casting purposes. Needlefish are great for casting into the wind at night and with all the sand eels around, it's a "must have" plug.

Democrat Point has had a crazy fall with some people doing very well. There've been some nice slot-sized fish and even some oversized striped bass moving throughout out front, in the inlet and even in the back bay late at night. The day bite has been the deal these last few weeks but the last of the season should see a better night bite with the new moon and following cycle. I plan to get at least one more keeper before the end of the season and I hope you do too. There's nothing quite like fresh striped bass for the holidays.

However you plan to spend your holiday, I wish you all the best and hope you end your fishing season on a high note. Just remember to be safe out there and until next spring ... catch 'em up!

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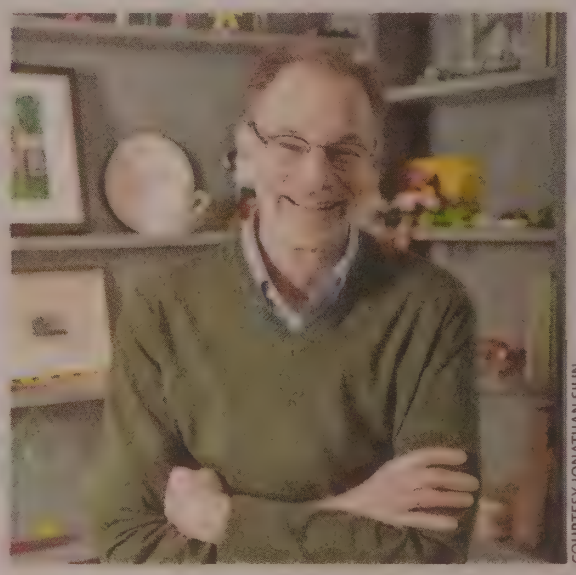
Jonathan Silin, A Lifetime of Education

BY DAVID TAYLOR



COURTESY JONATHAN SILIN

JONATHAN SILIN

Jonathan Silin has lived a life devoted to education. What began with 30 sent-off resumes reading, "I'd like to be hired as an early childhood teacher, and I have no training whatsoever," evolved into a lifelong career in childhood education and scholarship. "I never looked back — never had second thoughts at that moment," he says.

Silin has served on the faculty of the Bank Street College of Education, where he earned his Master's Degree, worked as the editor in chief of the college's Occasional Paper Series and written numerous essays and four books including *Sex, Death, and the Education of Children: Our Passion for Ignorance in the Age of AIDS*; *My Father's Keeper: The Story of a Gay Son and His Aging Parents*; and *Early Childhood, Aging and the Life Cycle: Mapping Common Ground*.

At one point a Manhattanite, Silin has been visiting the East End since the 1960s and settled into Amagansett with his now-late life partner, photographer Robert Giard, in the '70s. A full-time resident from 1974 to 2007, Silin now splits his time between his homes in Amagansett and Toronto, Canada.

In 1977, Silin was a founding board member for the East End Gay Organization, which sought to create a strong gay community in the area via informational forums with gay writers and politicians, consciousness raising groups intended to help bridge the gap between the "very distinct cultures" of gay men and lesbians, and even trips to major protest events, such as the first March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in October of 1979.

"A lot of the work in the early years of the organization, when I was most active, was about creating a sense of community," he says. "It's not like Provincetown where you have people walking on the street easily identifiable as gay, you have gay shops, all of that — the East End is much different."

Silin's HIV/AIDS advocacy efforts have also included speaking publicly about the biological and social symptoms of and the nuances of risk reduction rhetoric, helping to establish a community-based AIDS agency and writing the article "The Language of AIDS: Public Fears, Pedagogical Responsibilities." He has also fundraised for the cause — at one point in 1983 he co-chaired a fundraiser at *New York Times* restaurant critic Craig Claiborne's Northwest Woods home and raised over $100,000.

What has been your greatest contribution to the field of early childhood education?

I'm best well known in the field for having advocated, beginning in the 1980s, that we needed to be talking to children, young children, about the realities of their lives. Whether they were children who were growing in communities where there was a lot of drug addiction, HIV/AIDS, whatever it was that kids were experiencing, that needed to be part of the classroom conversation. More traditional people resisted me and that idea. They said kids were too fragile, couldn't manage it, couldn't think about death and dying, but I had, from the beginning, this feeling that if this is what kids were experiencing and knowing about, then that had to be part of the curriculum in the classroom. If the classroom did not reflect children's lived realities, children would be alienated from schooling, and adults would be abdicating their responsibility to sit alongside children in their difficult lives. ...

In the world of scholarship, I'm probably best known for, as an out gay scholar, talking about the connections between our personal and professional lives and not wanting to see my life as compartmentalized but to understand how our research agendas are connected to the things that are important to us personally. I fought against (the notion that study researchers are objective, with no personal stake) heavily ... it's better to articulate it than to keep it buried or hidden.

Is there a right age to learn about non-normative sexuality and gender expression?

The short answer is no, there is not a right age. My notion is that knowledge about gender and sexuality develops from the time an infant enters the world. ... We're deluding ourselves if we think that we're introducing topics at a certain age. You get this formal curriculum that says we can talk about masturbation when children are in 6th grade but not in 5th grade, or we can talk about gay lives in 3rd grade but not in 2nd grade. What I argue is that life is messy, and we do not develop in a linear way. ... If we're not naming it in the classroom, some kid on the street or some kid they're playing with is naming it and maybe misinforming, so I think the responsible adult position is living alongside children and helping them to make sense of the world. And that making sense includes questions of non-normative lifestyles and lives. In the newspapers and media, there are stories about trans lives, nonbinary folks everywhere you turn. How can you *not* talk about it? Why would you make school so irrelevant to what kids are struggling to understand?

How can the school curriculum become more relevant to today's students?

What you have often in schools is the lived curriculum — which is what happens in the classroom, what children and teachers are talking about — and then you have the formal curriculum that's laid out in the school district office ... We're living in a historical moment where the pressures have never been greater to make the curriculum speak to the variety of standardized tests ... so what becomes important in schools is what's measurable, and if you can't measure it, then it's not important. But I think the most important things in life are not measurable. I think schools are places, now more than ever, where kids need to learn to become active citizens, experience democracy firsthand in the classroom, listen to others, entertain multiple perspectives, be able to articulate their own perspectives and deal with the complex community that is the classroom. ... There needs to be a balance.

With so much insight to share about early childhood development, might you be working on your next book?

No, I'm not. I'm happy now — and I think this is a reflection of my age — to be writing shorter pieces. I like short formats. They force you to be concise, to make a clear argument. ... I like commenting on things that are happening in my own life that have larger implications for people. Recently, I've been publishing a set of essays that reflect renewed interest in my Jewish heritage and past. That's been gratifying and interesting.

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Leading Mechanic Andrew W. Eckey Remembered as Family Man

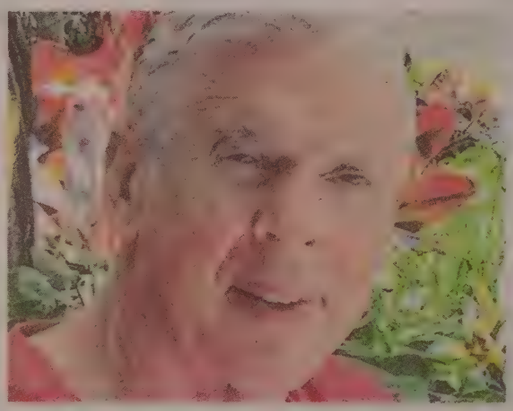
Andrew W. Eckey, of Sag Harbor, beloved husband of Patricia A. Eckey, died after a short illness on November 16. He was 69.

Born in Rockville Centre, he was a son of Mary (Maranville) Eckey and the late Carl Eckey of East Hampton. He was a graduate of East Hampton High School, class of 1972.

After high school, Eckey worked for Rauschers in Wainscott. He later worked for the Honda dealer on Montauk Highway in Wainscott as the dealer's mechanic. He loved to work on motorcycles. He had two motorcycles, a Honda and a Harley Davidson, that he enjoyed riding in the summer months.

Eckey started working for Albert McCoy Sr. at W.F. McCoy Petroleum Products Inc. and McCoy Bus Company in 1979 as a serviceman and heating equipment cleaner for the fuel company. Later it was discovered that he had promising mechanical abilities. His role transitioned, and he began serving as the company's automotive mechanic for service vans, fuel trucks,and school buses.

Eckey was much more than a mechanic. He kept the company's fleet of over 50 vehicles running (safely) everyday. This included, at any one time, 30 school buses, carrying many of the East End children to and from school every day. His garage was kept in immaculate condition, and this was a source of great pride for him.



ANDY ECKEY

Another source of pride, and very well-deserving, was Eckey's New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) school bus inspection reports. He always scored in the highest percentile, verifying the utmost level of safety and reliability. He could always be counted on to help with any problems that arose throughout the day.

He shared many close relationships with his coworkers: the drivers of the vehicles he kept operational. He very much enjoyed his 40-plus years with the McCoy companies, up until just three short weeks before his passing.

Eckey cherished the cruise vacations that he and his wife, Pat, took frequently. His favorite was their Hawaiian cruise, especially getting to witness the sites of Pearl Harbor. There were many other vacations throughout the West that he enjoyed as well.

Eckey's other favorite pastimes included boating and fishing, particularly traveling by boat to Block Island, Newport and Essex Island. He loved NASCAR and watched the races every Sunday. Eckey also enjoyed restoring antique trucks and cars. He liked spending his weekend in the garden. He kept the greenest lawn.

Besides his wife, Patricia (Pat), he is survived by brothers Peter Eckey and Paul Eckey; stepdaughter Michelle Dutcher and son-in-law Keith Dutcher; stepson Thomas Everett and daughter-in-law Julie Everett; grandson Jackson Everett, granddaughters Danielle Bennett and Kerri Bertrand; and great-granddaughters Samantha Bennett, Isabella Bennett, Summer Rose and Meadow Mae Bertrand.

Eckey was a kind and loving husband. He loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Contributions in Eckey's memory may be made to The Sag Harbor Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

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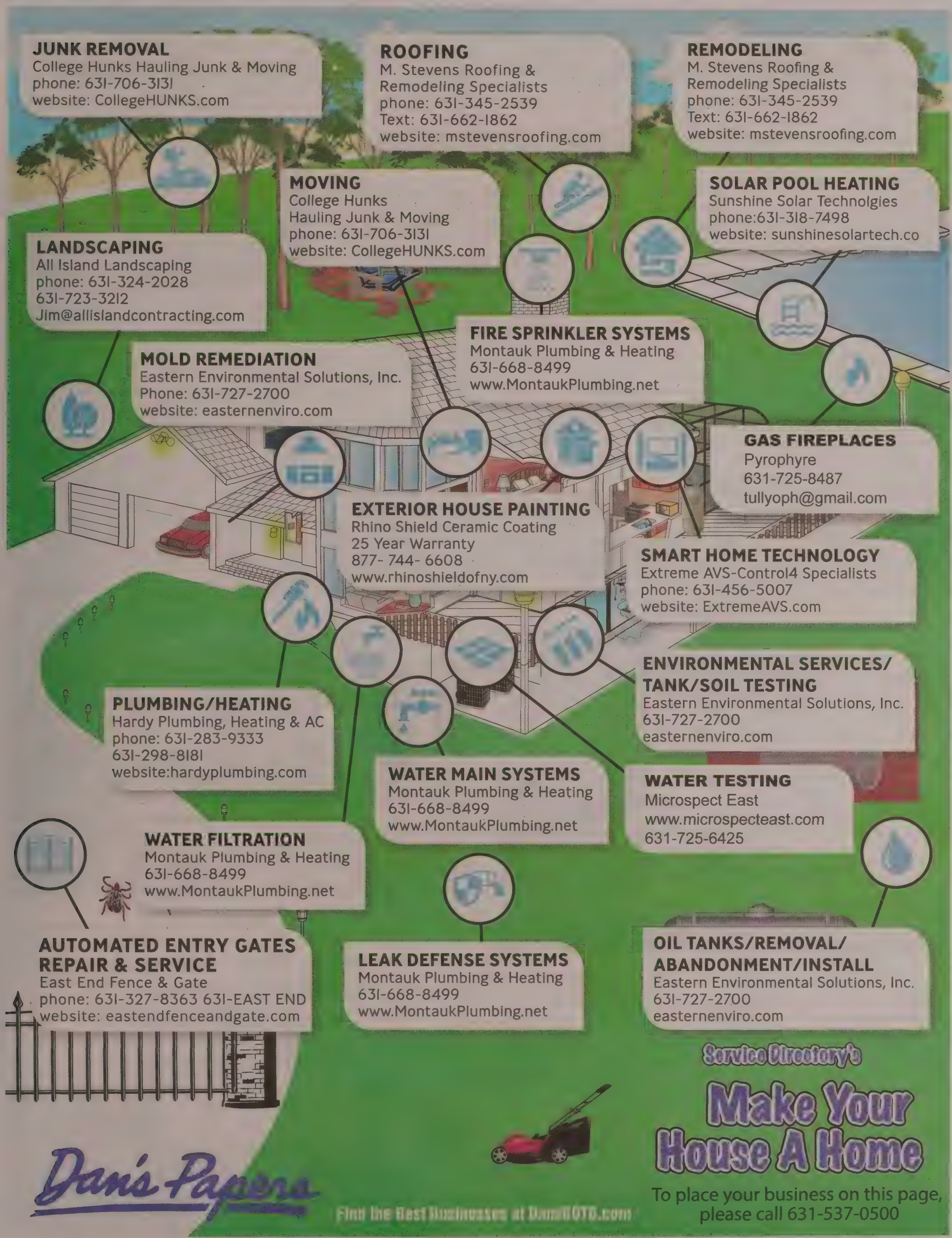
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Popular Kitchen Flooring Materials

Kitchens have long been considered the most popular gathering space in a home. That popularity compels millions of homeowners to renovate their kitchens each year, and the return on those investments is often significant.

A number of variables, including the value of neighboring homes and how quickly homeowners sell their homes after a renovation, affect the return on investment with a given project. According to *Remodeling* magazine's *2021 Cost vs. Value Report*, homeowners recouped roughly 72 percent of their investment in a minor kitchen remodel at resale.

When renovating kitchens, homeowners will have to consider various components within the room, including the floors. Average flooring costs can be hard to calculate because they depend so heavily on the homeowners' choice of materials. The following are some popular flooring materials that homeowners can consider as they plan to renovate their kitchens.

VINYL

Vinyl flooring is popular thanks in large part to its cost. According to the home remodeling experts at HomeAdvisor, vinyl flooring installation is much less costly than other types of flooring. But its budget-friendliness is not the only benefit of vinyl flooring, which HGTV notes is easy to clean and the best waterproof material among all kitchen floors.

PORCELAIN/CERAMIC TILE

HomeAdvisor reports that the average cost to install porcelain or ceramic tile flooring is between $885 and $2,994. That's less than the average cost for stone or wood flooring. Porcelain or ceramic tiles can be slippery when they get wet, though HGTV notes that some porcelain flooring tiles have been certified as slip-resistant by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

HARDWOOD

It's hard to beat hardwood when it comes to aesthetic appeal. Hardwood can be especially suitable in homes with open-concept floor plans that already have hardwood floors in surrounding rooms. HomeAdvisor notes hardwood flooring installation can be costly, which might make it a less realistic option for budget-conscious homeowners. According to HGTV, engineered wood planks may be something to consider in the kitchen, as these are designed to be less susceptible to humidity and temperature. That's an important consideration in the kitchen, where temperatures can fluctuate while meals are being prepared.

THERE ARE SEVERAL POPULAR FLOORING MATERIALS FOR HOMEOWNERS TO CONSIDER AS THEY PLAN TO RENOVATE THEIR KITCHENS.

STONE

Natural stone tile is another popular kitchen flooring material. HomeAdvisor traces that popularity to its wide variety of styles and price points, which make it a realistic option for homeowners working with budgets big and small. Stone tiles also provide a unique look because no two look the same, which might appeal to homeowners who want their kitchen floors to create a one-of-a-kind impression.

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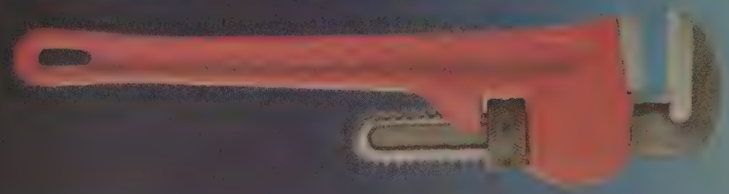

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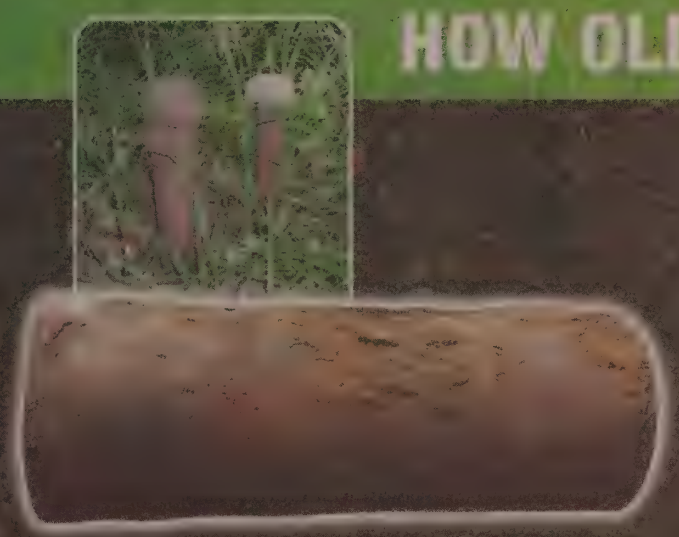

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10 tips for Maintaining a Wood-Burning Fireplace

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Install Carbon Monoxide, Smoke Detectors
Issues like carbon monoxide poisoning or smoke in the house could arise when you have a clogged chimney.

Remove Soot, Creosote
Both of these resides have to be removed professionally, if necessary, to prevent it from blocking airflow.

Check The Chimney
Whether you have a masonry or metal chimney, it is vital that you regularly check it for any cracks, dents, or rust, as they could be signs of a bigger problem.

Use The Proper Wood
Generally, wood should be dried for 6-12 months before they're good for burning in the hearth. To make them dry faster, it's best to split logs into small pieces of wood.

Test Before Using
Just light up a few pieces of wood first and check if the smoke is released through the chimney. If it enters the room, troubleshoot and correct the problem first before loading up lots of wood.

Install a Blower and Heat Proof Glass Door
The glass door will not only prevent sparks and embers from tumbling out from the hearth into the room. A fan or blower installed will help circulate the heat.

Troubleshoot and Correct Problems
For example, white stains in the bricks of the chimney can be a sign of too much moisture due to leakage.

Consider Safety Precautions
Keep combustible carpets or furniture as far away from the hearth as possible, make sure you're using the proper tools to clean the fireplace, and never leave a fire unattended.

Hire a Professional Chimney Sweep
Have a certified chimney sweep inspect it at least once a year or more frequently.

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HIGH PROFILE

Ed Flood: Suffolk's Newest Assemblymember

BY TODD SHAPIRO

Eastern Suffolk County's newest Assemblymember is named Ed Flood. Elected to represent Assembly District 4 in the 2022 election, the Republican defeated longtime member of the New York State Assembly, Democrat Steven Englebright, in a hotly contested election. Flood's victory has been seen by many as a major upset, after Englebright served in the state Legislature for three decades.

The Fourth Assembly District is wholly within the Town of Brookhaven. Including the northeast portion of the town, the district spans from Port Jefferson southward past Coram to Gordon Heights. The district, like all of the state's legislative map, was recently redrawn. Each Assembly district represents approximately 130,000 residents.

Flood is a resident of Port Jefferson and is a lawyer by trade. He has spent his entire life in Brookhaven, graduating from Comsewogue High School, class of 2000. He graduated from St. Joseph's College in Patchogue and then continued his education to law school, where he graduated with his Juris Doctorate from Western New England University School of Law, in Springfield, MA.

Over the past several years, he has served in various positions in local and state government. Most recently, he was an assistant town attorney for the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk's largest local municipality.

Prior to his role with the Town of Brookhaven, Flood served as the chief of staff for then-Assemblymember Dean Murray. From this, Flood brings with him a breadth of experience in state government matters.

"It's advantageous because as a former chief of staff, you know some of the 'ins and outs' of government," he says. "I know how to introduce bills, how the floor works or how to cosponsor another Assemblymember's legislation. I also learned how to work across the aisle, working with the majority to get things done.

"Having a basic understanding of the Assembly and the Chamber will give me a leg up, instead of learning everything on the fly," he continues. "I think this will be advantageous to the constituents of the Fourth District throughout my first term."

In 2022, Flood ran with the backing of Suffolk County's Republican and Conservative parties. He was successful in his campaign, defeating Englebright by just over two percentage points — which equates to 726 votes.

"I started knocking on doors in June of last year. There was a positive reception to my message. People were fed up with the high cost of living, the economy, the budgetary issues, as well as the increase in crime locally and statewide," Flood says.

Much like elsewhere on Long Island and in New York State, the major battle line of the political campaign was centered on the state's bail reform law. Passed in 2019, bail reform enacted various changes to the state's criminal justice system, including but not limited to eliminating the use of cash bail for most misdemeanors and many felony charges.

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The new law motivated people to the polls, especially those voters registered as Republicans and Conservatives. Flood notes that voters unaffiliated with any party were the deciding vote, which he attributes to frustration with how the government is currently being run.

"My message resonated with the voters that I met at their door," Flood says.

In this portion of Suffolk County, Flood's victory completed a sweep for Republican candidates, which included sending a new Republican member of Congress to Washington, re-electing Anthony Palumbo, and electing former-Assemblymember Dean Murray to the Senate.

"I was able to campaign alongside my former boss, which was really cool," Flood says. "We campaigned together a bunch. We knocked on doors together, talked with voters about our messages, and carried each other's literature.

"Now that we are both elected to office, there are many ways that we can continue to work together to benefit our shared constituents," Flood continues. "There are even some bills that were never introduced after Dean left office that we worked on together, that we plan to reintroduce as two-house bills."

Flood took a clear position on the bail reform issue in the campaign. He will fight to repeal this law, he says, and oppose various other measures, such as Raise the Age, Less Is More, the HALT Act, and the Clean Slate Bill. With these at the top of his agenda, he takes office on January 1, 2023.

"I want to make sure my constituents know that my door is always open and I am here to serve the needs of the community," Flood says. "I am here to listen to the thoughts and opinions of my constituents and serve their interests in Albany. It is not only what I feel is best for the community, it is what the community feels is best for the community.

"I have been up to Albany in the days since the election, but I've spent more time in the district meeting with civic leaders and liaisons to various executive agencies, and I've got more meetings scheduled," he continues. "I have spoken with other elected officials about how we can tackle issues together, beginning on day one.

"It's my goal to continue to build relationships and connections in the Fourth Assembly District and across the state, to ensure that this district is represented to its fullest," Flood continues.

Appealing to a broader swath of voters than previous Republican candidates for office in this region of Suffolk County, Assemblyman-elect Flood was vocal about more political topics than just crime and safety. He advocated for parents' rights in education, to secure proper funding for Long Island's school districts, and to repair Long Island's infrastructure.

He also has goals to bring economic opportunity to the various parts of the district while reducing overhead to the current business community and residents as a whole. He hopes to reduce the burden of costs on taxpayers and businesses that currently exist.

Flood, who has been involved in local political affairs for nearly 25 years, first volunteered on a campaign in his early 20s. He has spent the majority of his life working to elect qualified and dedicated candidates to town, county, state and federal offices. Now, after a hard-fought race, he is elected to lead for his first two-year term in the "People's House."

"It was a gratifying win for myself and my team. It took a lot of hard work from myself and various volunteers. The parties, our chairmen, the state organization and the law enforcement community came out in droves to support my candidacy. Quite frankly, I wouldn't have been successful without everyone's hard work," Flood says.

And now that the campaign is over, he says it's time to fulfill his promises and fight for the Fourth.

"The novelty of winning has begun to wear off and now as Assemblyman, I have a job to do. There are countless important issues to address, and this is where the hard work really starts," Flood concludes.

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